

2020 d'ARENBERG

THE BROKEN FISHPLATE SAUVIGNON BLANC



WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: Adelaide Hills, South Australia
VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc
MATURATION: 5% fermented in older French oak barriques
ANALYSIS: 13.0% alc/vol | TA: 8.2 g/L | pH: 3.21

BACKGROUND: The name Broken Fishplate comes from the small block of Sauvignon Blanc planted in a tight 'V' of the gully. The vine rows follow the contour of the land, eventually meeting, forming a sharp bend in the row. When tackling this sharp bend during harvest, the fishplates that straddle the vines and posts often break, hence 'the broken fishplate.'

WINEMAKING NOTES: Small batches of grapes are crushed gently, chilled, and then transferred to stainless steel basket presses. Gentle extraction of the juice is critical in these early stages to retain the delicate fruit characters. To add complexity and texture, a small percentage of the wine is partially fermented in aged French oak for two to three weeks.

TASTING NOTES: A flashy Sauvignon Blanc offering lashings of tropicals such as passionfruit and gooseberry on the highly aromatic nose, boosted by an undercurrent of fresh cut grass. The palate is refreshingly crisp and mineral. Vibrant citrus like acid is a real feature accompanied by generous flavor and a hint of added texture through some very light handed oak treatment and a small dose of wild ferment.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 2020 not yet rated. 2019: 91 pts Vinous, 90 pts James Suckling

ABOUT d'ARENBERG: One of the undisputed kings of Australian Shiraz and Rhone varietals, d'Arenberg has managed to turn individuality into an art form by doing a whole lot of little things differently. The original vineyards were established by Joseph Osborn in 1912 in the McLaren Vale region of South Australia. A century on, the estate has grown to 345 acres, and the mantle now rests with fourth-generation winemaker Chester Osborn. By maintaining a focus on traditional winemaking and nurturing their old-vine material, the Osborn clan has successfully established themselves as one of the country's leading producers of concentrated, characterful wines. Consistently ranked as one of the Top 100 Wineries in the world by Wine & Spirits Magazine, this reputation is clearly recognized globally.

