

# 2022 d'ARENBERG

## THE BROKEN FISHPLATE SAUVIGNON BLANC



**WINEMAKER:**

Chester Osborn

**REGION:**

Adelaide Hills, South Australia

**VARIETALS:**

100% Sauvignon Blanc

**MATURATION:**

5% fermented in neutral French oak barriques

**ANALYSIS:**

12.5% alc/vol | TA: 7.6 g/L | pH: 3.12 | RS: 2.5 g/L

**BACKGROUND:** Despite being a good match for fish, the name has nothing to do with them! A fishplate is a term for the nylon plates on a harvester, and often break when navigating around the steep, windy vineyards of the Adelaide Hills.

**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:** Extremely vibrant and limpid color shows a great level of finesse and freshness. On the nose, exuberant aromas of passion fruit, zesty lime, pineapple, wet slate and herbal notes. Its palate sets it apart: tropical fruit flavors are intertwined with a crisp and fresh minerality. Finely tuned acidity brings freshness without making the wine astringent. The finish is long yet refreshing.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** This vintage not yet rated. 2021: 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.

