

2019 d'ARENBERG

THE HIGH TRELLIS CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER:

Chester Osborn

REGION:

McLaren Vale, South Australia

VARIETALS:

Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)

MATURATION:

20 months in seasoned French oak barriques

ANALYSIS:

14.5% alc/vol | TA: 7.9 g/L | pH: 3.44 | RS: 1.6 g/L

BACKGROUND: The High Trellis vineyard has been producing grapes since the late 19th century. It was nicknamed “The High Trellis” as its vines were the first at d'Arenberg to be trained above knee-height in the 1890s.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Small batches of grapes are gently crushed and then transferred to five-ton headed-down open fermenters. These batches remain separate until final blending. Foot treading is undertaken two-thirds of the way through fermentation. The wine is then basket pressed and transferred to old French oak barriques to complete fermentation. The barrel ferments are aged on lees, and there is no racking until final blending. This wine does not undertake fining or filtration prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES: Dark and intense. The wine opens with fresh violets on the nose. Take a sip and immediately find savory notes, licorice, fresh tomato leaves, and mouth-coating black currant. Hints of white and black pepper towards the back palate. This is a nice, soft and rounded expression of this wine. Firm and velvety tannins envelope the mouth, with a long, lingering finish. Exceptional Cabernet. This will age beautifully.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet rated. 2018 vintage: 91 pts Halliday Wine Companion

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.

