

2020 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP CABERNET MERLOT



WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (49%), Merlot (47%), Petit Verdot (4%)
MATURATION: 50% matured in seasoned oak casks for 6 months
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.4 g/L | pH: 3.56

BACKGROUND: The name 'Stump Jump' relates to the significant South Australian invention – the Stump Jump plough. This plough became a popular piece of machinery for ploughing fields because of its ability to ride over stumps and gnarled “mallee” Eucalypt roots and snags, saving valuable time and resources by not stopping the draught horse.

VINTAGE NOTES: The spring flowering and set spread out over a long period; an intense heat wave reduced the crop significantly. A few slightly warmer nights in the later part of ripening helped the last sugar push. Yields were down significantly, the lowest in memory, however, at harvest, fruit quality was exceptional. The grapes used in this wine are mostly from very old bush vines, and underwent gentle crushing, traditional open tank fermentation, basket pressing and oak maturation prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES: A deep and complex wine blend: Cabernet Sauvignon provides the backbone with mulberries and licorice while Merlot adds the roundness, the subtle strawberries and fresh cherries. Petit Verdot, on the other hand, brings the savory spices, sage and herbal notes. Everything is well balanced with soft and silky tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet rated.

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.

