

2018 d'ARENBERG THE DEAD ARM SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz (100%)
MATURATION: 18 months in new and seasoned French oak barriques
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 7.5 g/L | pH: 3.38

BACKGROUND: Dead Arm is a vine disease caused by the fungus *Eutypa Lata*; the result is that one half, or an 'arm' of the vine becomes reduced to dead wood, and vineyards that are severely pruned or replanted. The remaining live vine, while low yielding, will produce clusters of amazing intensity. This is a wine of history and provenance, utilizing selected parcels of premium fruit from across d'Arenberg's top vineyards, some over a century old, to artfully create this stunning Shiraz.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Small batches of premium clusters are crushed gently 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 basket-pressed and transferred to a mixture of seasoned French and American oak to complete fermentation and mature for up to 18 months. Unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES: Dark fruits, dark plum, and lovely fennel seed notes on the nose. The sip reveals rich balsamic-glazed beets and damson plum, with white pepper in layers of complexity. Superb balance. Slaty, persistent, mineral-like tannins bring a generous framework for decades of cellaring. The wine's considerable structure and depth will ensure that the fruit characters will develop over time revealing more complexity and providing immense interest.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 96 pts JamesSuckling.com/TOP 100 Wine of Australia, 93+ pts Vinous, 92 pts/Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast, 92 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 91 pts Wine Spectator

ABOUT d'ARENBERG: One of the undisputed kings of Australian Shiraz and Rhone varietals, d'Arenberg turns individuality into an art form. 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 rests with fourth-generation winemaker Chester Osborn. Focused on traditional winemaking and nurturing their century old vineyards, the Osborn clan successfully established themselves as one of the country's leading producers of characterful wines. Consistently ranked as one of the Top 100 Wineries in the world by Wine & Spirits Magazine, this reputation is clearly recognized globally.

