

2020 d'ARENBERG THE COPPERMINE ROAD



WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION: 18 months in new and neutral French oak barriques
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 7.2 g/L | pH: 3.45

BACKGROUND: Coppermine Road runs parallel to d'Arenberg's very best Cabernet vineyard. Planted to an almost extinct clone, this vineyard rarely yields greater than one ton to the acre.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Small batches of grapes are crushed gently and then transferred to five tonne headed down open fermenters. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation. The wine is then basket pressed and transferred to a mixture of new and used French oak barriques to complete fermentation. The barrel ferments are aged on lees, and there is no racking until final blending. There is no fining or filtration prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES: A cabernet with a bold and refined character. The nose is open and straightforward, with cassis, red cherries, red bell pepper, and an elegant herbal tone of sage and fresh basil. The palate is surprisingly fresh, with an intense wave of maraschino cherries, fresh pomegranate, and cranberries with underlying of ferrous notes. The tannins are fine-grained, showing the perfect balance between the use of new and old French oak barrels. The finish is extremely long, with a refined white pepper at the end. Absolutely ready to drink now but can also cellar for up to 20 years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts JamesSuckling.com, 90 pts Wine Advocate

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.

