

2020 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc/vol | TA: 6.6 g/L | pH: 3.5 | RS 1.0 g/L

BACKGROUND & WINEMAKING: The name 'Stump Jump' refers to the significant South Australian invention – the Stump Jump plough. This popular piece of machinery pulled by a draught horse could ride over stumps, snags and gnarled "mallee" Eucalypt roots, saving valuable time. 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.

VINTAGE NOTES: Winter and Spring rains were quite good. Cooler weather at flowering and fruit set, with a brief, intense heat wave reduced the crop significantly. A few warmer nights toward harvest helped the last sugar push. Yields were down significantly, the lowest in memory; however, quality is exceptional, delivering some of the best wines seen for years, with great color, fruit character, flavors and length.

TASTING NOTES: Fragrant aromas of strawberries, blackberries and raspberries on the nose. Intricate flavors of blackberries and cherries come at first, followed by wild strawberries and mulberries. Structure is rich and velvety, finely tuned by polished tannins. The mouth-coating and silky finish show finesse and are the perfect closure for this wine.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 89 pts/Best Value Wine Spectator, 89 pts/Best Buy Wine Enthusiast

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.

