

2023 d'ARENBERG

THE BROKEN FISHPLATE SAUVIGNON BLANC



WINEMAKER:

Chester Osborn

REGION:

Adelaide Hills, South Australia

VARIETALS:

100% Sauvignon Blanc

MATURATION:

5% fermented in neutral French oak barriques

ANALYSIS:

11.0% alc/vol | TA: 8.4 g/L | pH: 3.12 | RS: 4.5 g/L

BACKGROUND: Despite being a good match for fish, the name has nothing to do with them! A fishplate is a term for the nylon plates on a harvester, and often break when navigating around the steep, windy vineyards of the Adelaide Hills.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Sourced from the cool climate of Adelaide Hills. Small batches of grapes are crushed gently, chilled, and then transferred to stainless steel basket presses. Gentle extraction of the juice is critical in these early stages to retain the delicate fruit characters. To add complexity and texture, a small percentage of the wine is partially fermented in aged French oak for two to three weeks.

TASTING NOTES: A pure expression of the variety. Pale, light straw-green color. Lemongrass and fresh pear are vibrant on the nose. The palate is citrusy, grassy and herbal with a distinct passion fruit flavor. A fresh layer of wet slate, green apple, kiwi and snow peas are aligned with a superb degree of acidity bringing an outstanding intensity and balance. Hard not to be seduced by the refreshing and lingering zesty finish.

ACCOLADES: 92 pts Wine Pilot

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.

