

2019 d'ARENBERG THE COPPERMINE ROAD



WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION: 18 months in new and neutral French oak barriques
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 7.2 g/L | pH: 3.48

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 brilliant expression of McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon, with a dense, dark appearance. Extremely fragrant, with intense red fruits, fresh tomato leaves, blackcurrant, and a hint of leather. The mesmerising palate has similar red fruit characters, including sweet pepper, red berries, and red plums with fresh cherry tomatoes and white pepper on the back palate. Full bodied, with considerable structure and depth; very round and elegant. Pronounced savory, persistent tannins demonstrate the ageability of this succulent wine.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 91 pts Vinous, 90 pts Decanter

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.

