

2020 d'ARENBERG

THE HIGH TRELLIS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**WINEMAKER:**

Chester Osborn

REGION:

McLaren Vale, South Australia

VARIETALS:

Cabernet Sauvignon

MATURATION:

20 months in seasoned French oak barriques

ANALYSIS:

14.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.9 g/L | pH: 3.48 | RS: 1.0 g/L

BACKGROUND: The High Trellis vineyard has been producing grapes since the late 19th century. It was nicknamed “The High Trellis” as its vines were the first to be trained above knee-height in the 1890s. It’s Cabernet Sauvignon has been released under the d’Arenberg label for the last 40 years to consistent critical acclaim.

WINEMAKING NOTES: In 2020, vineyard yields were down significantly, however quality is exceptional. Small batches of grapes are gently crushed 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 then basket pressed and transferred to old French oak barriques to complete fermentation. This wine does not undertake fining or filtration prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES: The bouquet displays red cherry, bay leaf, spices and a hint of black pepper. The palate is an enticing mix of licorice, blackberry and mulberry. Tannins are fine and well integrated.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet rated. 2019 vintage: 90 pts JamesSuckling.com

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.

