

2021 d'ARENBERG THE FOOTBOLT SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: 100% Shiraz
MATURATION: 12 - 18 months in new & neutral French oak barriques
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.9 g/L | pH: 3.42

BACKGROUND: Joseph Osborn, a South Australian racehorse owner of the early 1900s, owned a chestnut colt named "Footbolt" who delivered a winning streak of six races. In 1912, Joseph made the hard decision to sell his horses to purchase the d'Arenberg property, and establish what are now the oldest vineyards in McLaren Vale.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Small batches of grapes are gently crushed and then transferred to 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 seasoned oak barriques to complete fermentation, then aged on lees to keep the wine fresh. There is no racking until final blending and the wine is unfiltered and unfined.

TASTING NOTES: Classic McLaren Vale Shiraz. Crimson-purple in color. Aromas of dark plum, boysenberries, subtle black pepper and a touch of licorice. On the palate is where the wine becomes fascinating. Rich and opulent black plums, blackberries and boysenberries are intertwined with savory spices, mocha and a plush coat of red cherries. Tannins are ripe and velvety. Acidity, alcohol and oak are finely tuned, and their balance enhances length on the finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts Wine Pilot, 91 pts 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-vines, the Osborn clan are successfully established 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.

