

2021 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: The nose opens with dark notes of black cherries and hints of cassis. The palate is loaded with black fruits, plums, mulberries with some aniseed and peppery spices. Fresh cherry and red berries. Fine and persistent tannins give this wine a sense of opulence. Very approachable in its youth. A wine built to drink in its early days. A wonderful expression of McLaren Vale Shiraz.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet rated. Previous vintage - 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.

