

2024 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:

12.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.0 g/L | pH: 3.31 | RS: 3.7 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: Bright pale straw in color, this Sauvignon Blanc opens with lifted aromas of gooseberry, lime sherbet, and Granny Smith apple, with a subtle grassy note. On the palate, fresh and crunchy flavors of pear, kiwi fruit, and lime come to the fore. A subtle, slightly creamy texture adds complexity to the wine. The strong palate weight is balanced by a direct and precise acid line, driving through to a long, clean finish.

ACCOLADES: 2024 Not yet rated. 2023 vintage 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.

