

2020 d'ARENBERG

THE DERELICT VINEYARD GRENACHE



WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: 100% Grenache
MATURATION: 12 months in new and seasoned French oak barriques
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.5 g/L | pH: 3.43

BACKGROUND: At a time when Grenache was considered unfashionable, Chester acquired many old-bush, overgrown and abandoned vineyards. These vineyards seem slightly dishevelled in appearance, “derelict,” but thanks to care and attention, they are producing very low yields of exceptional fruit.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Walking the vineyard rows and tasting grapes, Chester determines the ideal picking time for each individual vineyard. The Grenache was hand-picked, and after gentle crushing, transferred to open fermenters. The wine is basket-pressed and transferred to a mixture of new and old French oak to complete fermentation and mature for 12 months. The barrel ferments are aged on lees, there is no racking until final blending and no fining or filtration.

TASTING NOTES: The deep color previews how intense this wine will be. Aromas evolve from red fruits like raspberry and rhubarb, then go through spicy notes and finish with more black fruits like plum and licorice. On the palate, an initial wave of fresh red fruits, cherries and raspberries makes room for a rich and spicy mid-palate with herbal notes to freshen the tone. The tannins are firm and polished, ready to enjoy now or cellar.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 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 vines, the Osborn clan is 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.

