



2005 d'ARENBERG THE STICKS AND STONES

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Tempranillo (48%), Grenache (42%) & Shiraz (10%)
MATURATION :	10 months in French & American oak barriques
ALCOHOL :	14.5% alc/vol

BACKGROUND :

The inspiration behind this name came from the age-old proverb 'sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me.' The unusual and quirky names that d'Arenberg's range of wines has never done the winery any harm. We also do use sticks (vine cuttings) planted into stony soils to produce the grapes that result in this wine.

WINEMAKING :

Parcels of Tempranillo, Grenache, and Shiraz are gently crushed and fermented in small batches in traditional headed-down open fermenters, followed by foot-treading. The skins are then gently pressed in traditional 19th century 'Coq' and 'Bromley & Tregoning' basket presses prior to maturation in French and American oak barriques for 10 months.

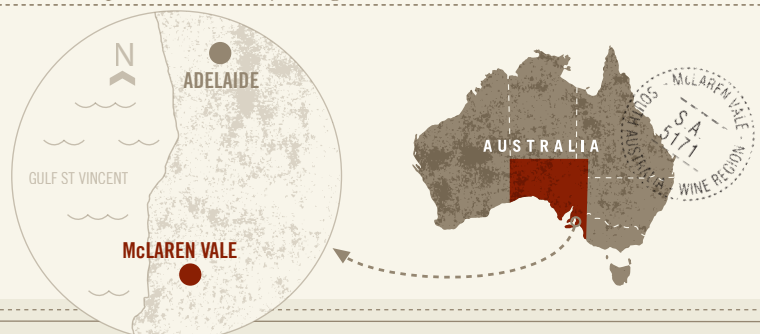
TASTING NOTES :

The palate is soft, alluring and bigger due to the Shiraz. The flavors are very elegant and have a dark red, earthy focus and as the wine opens the grenache cranberry notes become quite obvious. The mid palate is long with a lovely softness about it. A mix of red and black fruit evolve and is dominated with savory fruit notes such as cherry and olive stones, roasted dates and mineral notes as the tannins take hold of the finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 2005 vintage- not yet rated, 2004 vintage- **91pts** Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, **88pts** 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. Ranked among Australia's Top 10 Shiraz producers by Wine & Spirits Magazine in July 2007, this reputation is clearly recognized worldwide.



THE FACE OF AUSTRALIAN WINE

EXCLUSIVE US IMPORTER

703 Jefferson Street, Napa, California 94559

Tel (707) 258 9552 or (800) 622 2234 • Fax (707) 258 9577 • www.oldbridgecellars.com • info@oldbridgecellars.com