



2006 d'ARENBERG THE DEAD ARM SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Chester Osborn
REGION:	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	20 months in new & older American & French oak barrels
ALCOHOL:	14.5% alc/vol

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT:

Dead Arm is a vine disease caused by the fungus *Eutypa lata* that randomly affects vineyards all over the world. Often vines affected are severely pruned or replanted. One half, or an 'arm' of the vine slowly becomes reduced to dead wood. That side may be lifeless and brittle, but the grapes on the other side, while low yielding, display amazing intensity.

WINEMAKING:

Fruit is gently crushed in an open-mouthed, rubber-toothed, Demoisie crusher before being transferred to open vessels for fermentation. Here the cap is permanently submerged beneath the free run juice, avoiding any harsh plunging or pumping over. Traditional foot-treading takes place after fermentation is complete, then gentle basket pressing precedes transfer to barrel for 20 months maturation. After this time every barrel is individually assessed for quality, only the best barrels being selected for inclusion in The Dead Arm Shiraz.

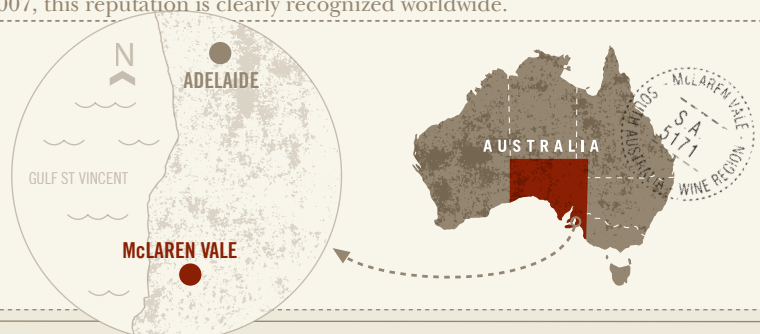
TASTING NOTES:

Aromas of plum, red cherries and blueberries mingle with white and green pepper against a backdrop of fine oak. The ripe palate leads with dark berries, blood plums and black olives, tight and controlled with edges of dried garden herbs and gritty, mineral tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 95+ pts Robert Parker, 93 pts Stephen Tanzer, 91 pts Wine Spectator, 90 pts/Cellar Selection 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.



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