



2006 d'ARENBERG THE DERELICT VINEYARD GRENACHE

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| WINEMAKER: | Chester Osborn |
| REGION: | McLaren Vale, South Australia |
| VARIETALS: | Grenache |
| MATURATION: | 12 months in older American & French oak barriques |
| ALCOHOL: | 15% alc/vol |

THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT:

Some years ago, chief winemaker Chester Osborn, sought out additional super premium Grenache fruit from McLaren Vale to meet the high demand for d'Arenberg's Grenache-based wines. Many old vineyards showed promise but had not been used for grape production for decades; the vines resembled Medusa's hair - wild, struggling and gnarled. Taming and rejuvenation of these vineyards has occurred over several years with the vines producing amazing fruit.

WINEMAKING:

The exceptionally low-yielding Grenache fruit was hand-picked late in vintage. After gentle crushing in the 'Demoisy' crusher, separate parcels were fermented in traditional headed-down open fermenters. Gentle pressing took place in 19th century basket-presses with fermentation completed in barrels.

TASTING NOTES:

On the nose, earth, red berries, cherries, cranberries, plums and tarry leather notes are complemented by more exotic juicy characters of toasted fennel seed, allspice, pepper, and vanilla bean. The palate is rich with ripe cranberry, mulberry and Turkish delight balanced by a framework of lively tannins and elevated acidity. This wine is elegant with a wonderful softness, which is what Grenache is all about.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts - James Halliday, 91 pts - Robert Parker, 91 pts - Wine & Spirits

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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