



## 2006 d'ARENBERG THE IRONSTONE PRESSINGS

<b>WINEMAKER:</b>	Chester Osborn
<b>REGION:</b>	McLaren Vale, South Australia
<b>VARIETALS:</b>	Grenache (70%), Shiraz (25%), Mourvedre (5%)
<b>MATURATION:</b>	12 months in new & older French & American oak barriques
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	15% alc/vol

### THE ART OF BEING DIFFERENT:

d'Arenberg's love affair with Grenache reaches its pinnacle with The Ironstone Pressings. The original block planted in 1918, on the lower side of the winery, has a plentiful amount of ironstone throughout the soil structures, which enhances the body and tannin structure of the wine.

### WINEMAKING:

Fruit is gently crushed in an open-mouthed, rubber-toothed, Demoisy 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 maturation. After this time the best Grenache barrels are individually selected to complement the Shiraz and Mourvedre components, resulting in a harmonious blend.

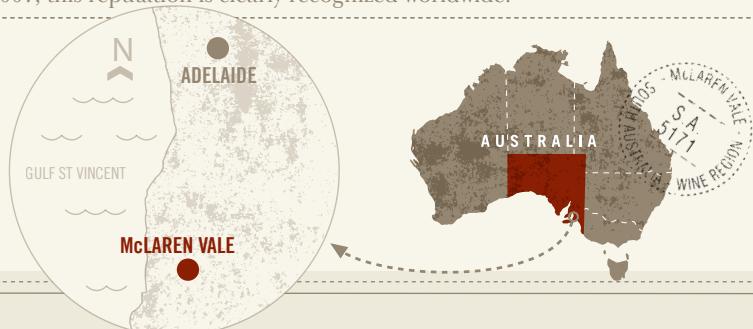
### TASTING NOTES:

Fragrant mulberry and maraschino cherry fruits complement earthy spices and licorice notes against a backdrop of cedar oak. The powerfully structured palate offers layers of ripe exotic fruits and summer flowers blending effortlessly with a fine acid backbone and silky, mineral-edged tannins. The floral finish of jasmine and lavender notes is intense and persistent.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 2006 - 94 pts James Halliday, 93+ pts Robert Parker, 92 pts Wine & Spirits, 92 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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