



2009 d'ARENBERG THE STUMP JUMP RED

WINEMAKER: Chester Osborn
REGION: McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS: Grenache, Shiraz, Mourvedre
MATURATION: 50% matured in seasoned oak casks for 6 months
ALCOHOL: 14% alc/vol | pH 3.34

BACKGROUND:

The name 'Stump Jump' relates to the significant South Australian invention – the Stump Jump plough. This plough became a popular piece of machinery for ploughing fields because of its ability to ride over stumps and gnarled "mallee" Eucalypt roots and snags, saving valuable time and resources by not stopping the draught horse.

THE VINTAGE:

2009 rhymes with vine. It was also one of the best vintages for Grenache in the last decade. Sufficient winter rains set up the vines well with good canopies. December and most of January were very cool with only three days above 30°C until late in the month. The mild weather that followed ensured that ripening was stress free and grapes showed good levels of natural acidity and balanced tannins.

TASTING NOTES:

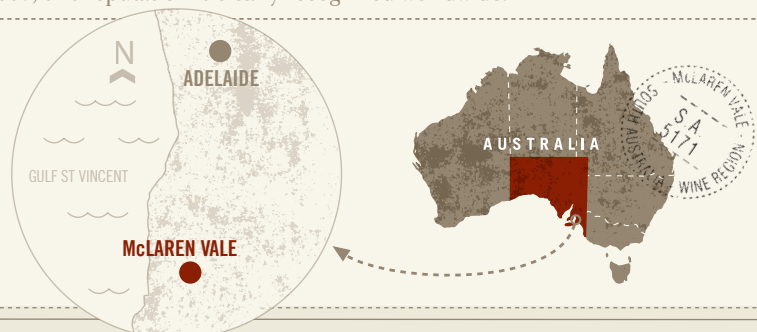
The 2009 Stump Jump Red nose features plum and bright red fruits with a hint of roasted meats, earth, pepper and exotic spices. The palate displays delicate fruit with juicy blackberry at the fore. A touch of dried herbs adds a savoury edge with fine, lifted tannins providing a long finish. It's a cracking wine with sophistication—but don't worry it's still a lot of fun.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

87 pts Wine Spectator

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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