

d'ARRY'S ORIGINAL



Grenache Shiraz 2020

McLaren Vale, Grenache (65%) Shiraz (35%)

The Name

First released in 1993, this wine was renamed d'Arry's Original in honour of third generation family member Francis d'Arenberg Osborn, universally known as d'Arry, to honour his lifelong services to the wine industry.

The Vintage

Winter and Spring rains were quite good which meant vigour was high. October and November saw some cooler weather which made flowering and set spread out over a long period with an intense short heat wave in the middle of set reducing the crop significantly. A nice rain on the 1st of February set the vines up well and mild to cool, dry, weather prevailed. A few slightly warmer nights in the later part of ripening helped the last sugar push. Yields were down significantly, the lowest in memory, however, quality is exceptional. Some of the best wines seen for years. Great colour, fruit characters, flavours and length.

The Winemaking

Small batches of grapes are gently crushed and then transferred to five tonne headed down open fermenters. These batches remain separate until final blending. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation. The wine is then basket pressed and transferred to a mixture of new and used French oak barriques to complete fermentation. The barrel ferments are aged on lees, and there is no racking until final blending. This wine does not undertake fining or filtration prior to bottling.

The Characteristics

A classic in its best form. Dark and vibrant ruby red colour with a perfumed bouquet of red and black berries. A unique mouthcoating freshness combined with flavours of red cherries, black plums, strawberries and herbs de Provence. Fine and velvety tannins are very integrated. An extremely savoury and long finish makes this wine irresistible. A d'Arenberg classic perfect for every occasion.



Harvest dates	26 Feb – 2 Apr	Alcohol	14.5%
Residual sugar	0.9 g/l	Titratable acid	6.6
pH	3.46	Oak maturation	20-21 months
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton