



d'Arenberg

THE HUNJEE HEARTSTRING

Montepulciano 2024

McLaren Vale, Montepulciano (100%)



The Name

We heart our wine, and we hope you do too! Hunjee is Australian slang for 100, the perfect score when reviewing wine. This dark, brooding Montepulciano is so good it will tug on your heartstrings, and you'll be left wanting more.

The Vintage

The early winter was wet, but late winter and spring were dry. Budburst was early, but mild weather delayed flowering. Late spring and early summer rain filled the soil profile for the first time in summer. High disease and vine vigor required significant attention. Warm, dry conditions in January and February favoured quality. Whites show high quality with good acidity. McLaren Vale Chardonnay, Riesling, and Sauvignon Blanc were harvested before the March heatwave, while other whites and reds benefited from it. Most premium Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon were harvested before the heatwave and show very good quality. Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese varieties thrived, producing excellent wines. Adelaide Hills had low yields but high quality

grapes, fourth generation family member, Chester Osborn, determines the ideal picking time for each individual vineyard. Small batches of grapes are gently crushed and then transferred to open fermenters. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation, the wine is basket pressed and transferred to old French oak to complete fermentation and mature for nine months

The Characteristics

Dark, intense purple in colour, with aromas of mulberry, boysenberry, Parma ham, and roasted figs. The palate is rich and powerful, layered with flavours of roasted plums, Kalamata olives, dark chocolate, and mocha. Generous, juicy tannins provide excellent structure. A big, complex red bursting with interest and flavour.

The Winemaking

Walking the vineyard rows and tasting



Harvest dates	7 Apr	Alcohol	14.5%
Residual sugar	1.0 g/l	Titrateable acid	5.3
pH	3.50	Oak maturation	9 months
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton