

d'Arenberg



THE STUMP JUMP

Lightly Wooded Chardonnay (100%)

Fleurieu Penninsula, McLaren Vale 2015

Name

It is rumoured that the inventor of the Stump Jump plough, which enabled a ploughshare to jump over tree roots, had poor eyesight and required regular tests to ensure he could still operate machinery. The design of this label is inspired by an optometrist's eyechart and serves as a makeshift sobriety test. If you can hold the bottle at arm's length and still read the front label, you can enjoy another glass.

The Vintage

A wet winter ensured good sub soil moisture and set up the vines well with healthy canopies. Spring was very dry with above average temperatures, a heavy downpour in January was a welcome relief. Mild conditions during the ripening period produced wines that show an abundance of spicy fruits with great colour and richness. Vintage started on 30 January, the earliest start on record by one day.

The Winemaking

The grapes used in this wine underwent gentle crushing, temperature controlled fermentation and basket pressing prior to bottling.

The Wine

Fresh crunchy Chardonnay, full of Granny Smith apple, a squeeze of citrus and a slight brininess that becomes more evident on the palate. Prudent use of well-seasoned French oak adds discreet hazelnut and brioche notes to the mix. The mid palate continues to develop a slight creaminess but the finish remains taught, savoury and long.

Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton
Residual sugar	2.6 g/l	Titrateable acid	7.9
pH	3.17	Alcohol	12.8%

