



*d'Arenberg*



# THE STUMP JUMP

**Shiraz (100%)**

**McLaren Vale 2010**

**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 Winemaking**

The grapes used in this wine are mostly from very old bush vines, and underwent gentle crushing, traditional open tank fermentation, basket pressing and oak maturation prior to bottling.

**The Vintage**

Good winter rains ensured adequate subsoil moisture and set vines up well with healthy canopies. There was unseasonably hot weather in November during flowering, although this did not affect fruit setting and vigour was well balanced. There was some more heat during veraison (berry colour-change) which serves vines well. The rest of the season was mild with nights mild to cool and very little rain. It was another early start to vintage. Both reds and whites from 2010 are looking excellent with strong varietal flavours.

**The Wine**

The nose is chock-full of fresh blackberries, cherries and dark chocolate sprinkled with spices. The palate is fresh and juicy, ripe red fruits mix with plums, blackcurrant, flowers and a twist of black pepper. The tannins are fine with d'Arenberg's trademark earthiness helping keep this easy going wine in check.

Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton
Residual sugar	2.5 g/l	Titrateable acid	6.4
pH	3.45	Alcohol	14.5%
Harvest dates		Oak maturation	Old French, American and large casks

