

# OLD BEAN TRUCK

## Shiraz 2022

McLaren Vale, Currency Creek, Shiraz (100%)



### The Name

For many years Francis Earnest Osborn, Grandfather to d'Arenberg Chief Winemaker Chester Osborn could be found transporting grapes from the family vineyards to his new winery in his old 'Bean' Truck. Unlike Frank's old 'Bean' truck the winery he built in the late 1920's still services the d'Arenberg estate today.

### The Characteristics

The Old Bean Truck Shiraz is a generous, fruit driven wine, with ample plum and blackberry fruits along complimented by an underlying earthy quality. Intense, generous and juicy on the palate. Just enough grip from the ripe, chewy tannins which sit comfortably within the proud, round fruit profile. Immediately drinkable but with potential to improve over 5 or so years.

### The Vintage

It has been a good winter, the early Spring rains set the vines up very well. November was about 3 degrees colder than average and so the set was variable, especially Mauvedre which suffered the worst. Luckily, many varieties still had quite a large potential crop, so yields ended about 15% down from 2021 (which was a big crop year). December was bone dry, but January saw 33mm compared to 20mm average. This too set the vines up very well. There was almost no rain and very mild conditions in February, March and April, free of hot or cold spells which resulted in very good leaf retention and ripening. All varieties resulted in outstanding wines. At this stage, It is early to call the vintage but I believe the reds from this vintage are the best I have seen in years. They show great colour fruit, fruit fragrance, richness, acidity, tannins and style. The Red skins were very thick and crunchy and no shrivel was seen, resulting in high tannin content, causing us to pull juice off the skins sweeter than usual, to achieve the desired results



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| Chief Winemaker | Chester Osborn | Senior Winemaker | Jack Walton |
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