

WINE GIANT'S CUBE DOUBLE-UP RAISES BAR

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A new \$8m two-storey cellar door and rooftop bar, from the visionary behind the [d'Arenberg Cube](#), has been proposed for Blewett Springs.

d'Arenberg chief winemaker and viticulturalist Chester Osborn, who purchased Settlers Spirits in 2021, has lodged plans with Onkaparinga Council to develop the 16ha Bamboo Ridge Vineyard site at 170 Whitings Rd.

Sensorial Surfer Spirits – a wine, gin and beer tasting facility – would accommodate more than 500 guests across the two levels and rooftop. While the plans do not include a restaurant, a kitchen will be housed on the ground floor for food served on the rooftop. In its description of the building design, ARM Architecture said it would embody the “experimentation and exploration of the d'Arenberg brand”.

Inspired by the region's surf and the process of tasting wine (“surfing the synaptic brain waves”), it includes a feature wave structure, and fins.

“The building is wrapped in a static rippling wave,” the architects write. “This wave was then pushed and pulled, modified, and sliced into a finned shading screen.

“The fins importantly provide an articulation to the facade, they break-up the singular form of the building and give it a softer representation. As you approach and move around its exterior, the screen gives the impression of a moving ripple, or shimmer.”

The value of the development is estimated at \$7.58m, not including fit-out costs. Like the now iconic d'Arenberg Cube, the new tasting room will “also excite the senses by exhibiting art”.

Consultation is until May 3.