

THE GALVO GARAGE

Cabernet Blend 2018

McLaren Vale, Cabernet Sauvignon (70%) Merlot (14%) Petit Verdot (13%) Cabernet Franc (3%)

The Name

'Garage wines' is a term used to describe wines that are produced in the back sheds of French winemakers, who make small batch wines of the highest quality. Our galvanized, corrugated 'garage' was built in 1927 and still houses the traditional equipment used in the handcrafting of this wine.

The Vintage

Quite a wet winter with July, August and September being way above average in rainfall. October, November and December were a little below average and January, February and March were more or less bone dry. Temperatures were mild until late January, so vines seemed to be delayed and harvest appeared like it was again going to be late. However, a few hot days and nights brought the ripening forward with slight sacrifice of acidity. The above average temperatures of February and March and the dryness made everything ripen relatively quickly. Yields appeared on the lighter side, because the heat and dry conditions did reduce them significantly, however they were still quite respectable across all varieties.

The Winemaking

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 a mixture of new and old French oak to complete fermentation. The barrel ferments are aged on lees, there is no racking until final blending and no fining or filtration.

The Characteristics

The d'Arenberg take on the classic French blend once again is unique and impeccable. The colour is a dense crimson-purple with a slightly hue of brick colour that denotes complexity and an initial stage of evolution. The nose is fragrant with notes of green capsicum, herbs, blackcurrant and a touch of leaf freshness. The palate is pungent showing layers upon layers of complex fruit characters. The backbone is Cabernet Sauvignon that brings flavours of cassis, roasted capsicum, licorice and blackcurrant, making a polished and powerful core. The roundness and soft tannins comes with Merlot. Petit Verdot adds a blue component to the blend bringing blueberries, mulberries and lavender, while the small portion of Cabernet Franc lifts up the vibrancy. The tannins are crafted and at no point intrusive. Ready to drink now but also can gracefully improve with time in bottle.



Harvest dates	28 Mar - 12 Apr	Alcohol	14.5%
Residual sugar	1.4 g/l	Titrateable acid	7.9
pH	3.39	Oak maturation	18 months
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton