

# THE GALVO GARAGE



## Cabernet Blend 2010

*McLaren Vale & Adelaide Hills, Cabernet Sauvignon (68%) Merlot (19%)  
Petit Verdot (9%) Cabernet Franc (4%)*

### The Name

'Garagiste' is a French term used to describe producers in Bordeaux that make wine in their garage outside of the strict 'Appellation Controlee' system. d'Arenberg wines are all made in a small-batch process, very hands-on (or feet, as the reds are all foot-trod) as the 'garagistes' do. Our reds are all made in the old galvanised garage/shed/winery, hence 'Galvo'.

### The Vintage

Good winter rains ensured adequate sub-soil moisture and set vines up well with healthy canopies. There was unseasonably hot weather during flowering, but this did not affect fruit setting to any significant extent and vigour was beautifully balanced. There was some more heat early in the season, but with berries only just forming in most cases it was not an issue. The rest of the season was mild with nights mild to cool with very little rain. It was another early start to vintage, and both red and whites from 2010 have strong varietal characters and good balance.

### The Winemaking

Small batches of grapes are gently crushed and then transferred to five tonne headed down open fermenters. These batches remain separate until final blending.

Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation. The wine is then basket pressed and transferred to a mixture of new and used French barriques to complete fermentation.

The barrel ferments are aged on lees, and there is no racking until final blending. This wine does not undertake fining or filtration prior to bottling.

### The Characteristics

The wine's appearance is noticeably deep and dark, suggesting a complex, full-bodied, oak matured wine. The nose displays a classic mix of aromas customary to the four Bordeaux varieties blended together. Notes of exotic dark plums, mulberry, blackcurrants, fragrant cassis and an underlying mix of dark chocolate, cherries, cured meats and spiced violets. Green runner-bean and fine-toasted, French oak, cedar notes come through as the wine opens.

The palate displays ripe fruits but at the same time has an impressive elegance upon entry, and then you are struck with the overwhelming complexity and presence.

Extremely juicy with a wonderful deep richness and structure. A mix of pure fruit with edges of exotic notes, immense structure and length with mineral acidity and fine lacy tannins directing the fruit.



Harvest dates	11 Feb-17 Apr	Alcohol	13.8%
Residual sugar	0.9 g/l	Titratable acid	6.9
pH	3.51	Oak maturation	18 months
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton