

THE GALVO GARAGE

Cabernet Blend 2011

McLaren Vale, Cabernet Sauvignon (76%) Petit Verdot (15%) Merlot (5%) Cabernet Franc (4%)



The Name

'Garage wines' is a term used to describe wines that are produced in the back sheds of Bordeaux 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

Ample winter and spring rain provided good sub soil moisture and resulted in healthy canopies and good vigour. Summer conditions were very mild. Grapes ripened gracefully with only a few small rain episodes, enough to keep the vines fresh and vibrant. Rainfall was only a little over average for the first months of the year.

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 2011 Galvo Garage is entering a really interesting phase (Feb 2016) with primary fruit characters of cassis, tomato leaf and red capsicum just starting to wane, gently giving way to secondary notes of forest floor, black olive, fresh leather and mixed spice. A lovely cedary note also adds to the ever more complex nature of this wine. The mouthfeel is particularly sleek, with balanced fruit and tannins that purr from one end of the palate to the other. No rollercoaster ride here but rather a passage marked by consistency and length. Enjoy this wine now, as the window has opened, and similarly for some years into the future.



Harvest dates	29 Mar - 27 Apr	Alcohol	14.3%
Residual sugar	0.8 g/l	Titrateable acid	6.8
pH	3.52	Oak maturation	18 months
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton