

THE GALVO GARAGE

Cabernet Blend 2012

McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills, Cabernet Sauvignon (65%) Merlot (21%)
Petit Verdot (14%)



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 Characteristics

Savoury, spicy and elegant, a lovely blend of fresh fruits and leafy earthiness.

A full tasting note will be available once this vintage is released.

The Vintage

A wet summer and winter in set the vines up perfectly for the 2012 vintage. Spring and summer were drier than normal, resulting in lower fruit yields. A small heat burst just prior to veraison assured a solid colour change, small berries and pronounced tannins in the grapes. The red wines from this vintage are black, solid and quite structured, the biggest year for some time; not oily but definitely gutsy.

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.



Harvest dates	21 Feb - 18 Apr	Alcohol	14.1%
Residual sugar	0.8 g/l	Titrateable acid	7.3
pH	3.48	Oak maturation	18 months
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton