

THE HIGH TRELLIS

Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

McLaren Vale, Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)



The Name

This vineyard was planted in the 19th century, and received its nickname as it was the first in the region to be trained above knee height. Over the past four decades, Cabernet Sauvignon from the High Trellis vineyard has been released under the d'Arenberg label to consistent critical acclaim, and won the coveted Jimmy Watson trophy at the 1969 Melbourne Wine Show.

The Vintage

A wet winter ensured good sub soil moisture and set up the vines well with healthy canopies. Spring was very dry with above average temperatures, a heavy downpour in January was a welcome relief. Mild conditions during the ripening period produced wines that show an abundance of spicy fruits with great colour, richness and balanced tannins. Vintage started on 30 January, the earliest start on record by one day.

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 old American oak 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

Do not be fooled by price, this is serious Cabernet territory. Packed densely with an abundance of character, blackcurrant, plum, violet, cigar box and cedar. The nose is intensely aromatic and the palate is tight, concentrated and long. Tense and punchy upon opening, allow this wine to settle and breathe to release the generous volumes of fruit that are wound up within the tightly clenched structure. Or better still, careful cellaring will reap rewards for those with patience.



Harvest dates	19 Feb - 10 Apr	Alcohol	14.4%
Residual sugar	2.0 g/l	Titrateable acid	7.1
pH	3.53	Oak maturation	Up to 20 Months
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton