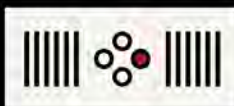


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# THE STUMP JUMP

## Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)

### McLaren Vale 2011



#### Name

It is rumoured that the inventor of the Stump Jump plough, which enabled a ploughshare to jump over tree roots, had poor eyesight and required regular tests to ensure he could still operate machinery. The design of this label is inspired by an optometrist's eyechart and serves as a makeshift sobriety test. If you can hold the bottle at arm's length and still read the front label, you can enjoy another glass.

#### The Winemaking

The grapes used in this wine are mostly from very old bush vines, and underwent gentle crushing, traditional open tank fermentation, basket pressing and oak maturation prior to bottling.

#### The Vintage

There was ample winter and spring rain which provided good sub soil moisture and resulted in healthy canopies and good vigour. Summer conditions were very mild with vintage starting on February 24 in McLaren Vale, only a few days shy of the latest start on record. Disease pressure was high due to multiple periods of rain throughout the ripening period, requiring diligence in the vineyard. The late start to vintage and cool to cold conditions throughout meant a long harvest.

#### The Wine

The nose sings of Cabernet Sauvignon. Sweet creme de cassis and mulberry, aromatic violets with a twist of blackcurrant leaf, if you were in any doubt as to the wines varietal provenance. The 2011 shows beautifully elegant on the palate but still offers plenty of dark, sweet fruits. The mint and leafy notes work as a nice counter point to the more luscious mulberry fruit. The cedary notes and fine grained tannin draw the wine to a long and focused finish. Primary, balanced and vibrant in youth, this wine is as appealing now as it will no doubt be in 3-5 years.

Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton
Residual sugar	2.8 g/l	Titrateable acid	6.8
pH	3.48	Alcohol	14.7%
Harvest dates		Oak maturation	Old French, American casks

