



## 2005 d'ARENBERG THE GALVO GARAGE CABERNET BLEND

<b>WINEMAKER :</b>	Chester Osborn
<b>REGION :</b>	McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills, South Australia
<b>VARIETALS :</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot
<b>MATURATION :</b>	Predominantly 1 & 2 year old French oak
<b>ALCOHOL :</b>	15.0% alc/vol

### BACKGROUND :

The term 'garagists' is used to describe the producers in Bordeaux making great wines in their garage outside of the 'Appellation Controlee' system. The d'Arenberg wines are all made with a small-batch, hands-on approach, as per 'garagists' techniques. In addition, the reds are all made in the old galvanized garage/winery, hence the term 'Galvo' is quite fitting.

### WINEMAKING :

Fruit is gently crushed, retaining as many whole berries as possible, before being transferred to open fermenters where the must of seeds and skins is permanently submerged beneath the free run juice. The must received no plunging or pumping over while fermentation occurred. Traditional foot-treading takes place prior to basket-pressing and completion of primary fermentation and secondary fermentation in barrel.

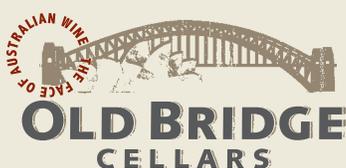
### TASTING NOTES :

The 2005 Galvo Garage offers an exotic array of classical cabernet characteristics: blackcurrants, dark cassis notes, and an underlying mix of dark chocolate and earthy minerality. As the wine opens there are perfumed notes apparent with cherry, prune, violets and fine cedar oak. The ripe palate has an impressive elegance, alongside abundant structure and richness of fruit with a fragrant dark chocolate and mineral dry finish.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM :** 2005 vintage: **94 pts** James Halliday; **91 pts EDITORS CHOICE** Wine Enthusiast, **91 pts** Robert Parker

### ABOUT d'ARENBERG :

One of the undisputed kings of Australian Shiraz and Rhone varietals, d'Arenberg has managed to turn individuality into an art form by doing a whole lot of little things differently. The original vineyards were established by Joseph Osborn in 1912 in the McLaren Vale region of South Australia. A century on, the estate has grown to 345 acres, and the mantle now rests with fourth-generation winemaker Chester Osborn. By maintaining a focus on traditional winemaking and nurturing their old-vine material, the Osborn clan has successfully established themselves as one of the country's leading producers of concentrated, characterful wines. Ranked among Australia's Top 10 Shiraz producers by Wine & Spirits Magazine in July 2007, this reputation is clearly recognized worldwide.



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