

## 2009 d'ARENBERG THE GALVO GARAGE CABERNET BLEND

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot
MATURATION :	18 months, Predominantly 1 & 2 year old French oak
ANALYSIS :	14.5% alc/vol   3.39 pH   7.3 g/L

### BACKGROUND :

'Garagiste' refers to producers in Bordeaux that make wine in their garage outside of the strict 'Appellation Controlee' system. d'Arenberg wines are all made in a small - batch process, very hands on (or feet, as the reds are all foot - trod) as the 'garagistes' do. The reds are made in the old galvanised shed/winery, hence 'Galvo'.

### WINEMAKING :

Small batches of grapes are gently crushed and then transferred to five ton 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 a mixture of new and used French 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.

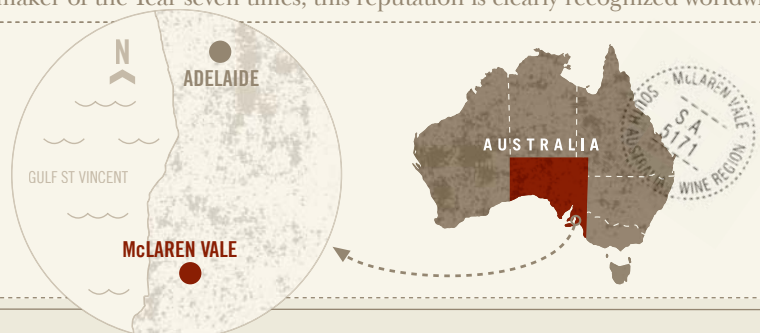
### TASTING NOTES :

Aromas of cassis and blueberry are evident without being dominant on the nose. This allows the leafy and dried herb earthiness to show up adding complexity. The palate is savory, spicy and elegant. It's deep and dark with rhubarb adding to the fruit spectrum and sitting alongside a subtle floral nuance and savory elements of dark chocolate and dried herbs. There is no explosion of fruit, but rather an elegant and gradual building of complexity with persistent mineral, chalky tannins providing a balanced structure.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

91 pts Wine Enthusiast, 90 pts International Wine Cellar

**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 4th-generation winemaker Chester Osborn. By maintaining a focus on traditional winemaking and nurturing their old-vine material, the Osborns have successfully established themselves as one of the country's leading producers of expressive, characterful wines. Receiving the accolades Winery of the Year 24 times and Winemaker of the Year seven times, this reputation is clearly recognized worldwide.



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