



## 2010 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 :	13.8% alc/vol   3.51 pH   7.3 g/L TA

### 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 :

On the nose are notes of exotic dark plums, mulberry, blackcurrants, fragrant cassis and an underlying mix of dark chocolate, cherries, and cured meats. The palate displays ripe fruits but at the same time has an impressive elegance upon entry, and then you are struck with the overwhelming complexity and presence. Extremely juicy with a wonderful deep richness and structure. A mix of pure fruit with edges of exotic notes, immense structure and length with mineral acidity and fine lacy tannins directing the fruit.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

91 pts International Wine Cellar, 91 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

**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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