

# 2015 d'ARENBERG

## THE GALVO GARAGE CABERNET BLEND



**WINEMAKER:** Chester Osborn  
**REGION:** McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills, South Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Cabernet Sauvignon (60%), Merlot (25%), Petit Verdot (14%) Cabernet Franc (1%)  
**MATURATION:** 18 months in predominantly 1 & 2 year old French oak  
**ANALYSIS:** 15.0% alc/vol | TA: 7.1 g/L | pH: 3.39

**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 NOTES:** 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 seasoned 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:** A lifted and perfumed nose displaying complex notes of violets, blackcurrant and ripe berries. The palate is elegant, yet sings with ripe fruits, and is extremely juicy with deep richness and structure. This mix of pure fruit combines with fine oak tannins that lead to a lovely fragrant dark chocolate, minerally dry finish.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 92 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 92 pts JamesSuckling.com

**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. Consistently ranked as one of the Top 100 Wineries in the world by Wine & Spirits Magazine, this reputation is clearly recognized globally.

