



2010 RMS Cabernet Sauvignon

Richard Morton Shaw (RMS) and his wife Marie, established their first vineyard in McLaren Vale in 1975.

TASTING NOTES

Selected from 65 year old McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon vines, this wine was matured in French Oak hogsheads for 2 years. Cherry & mint aromas & chocolate oak dominate the nose & carry through to the full, round palate, that finishes with soft velvety tannins. Decant wine & allow to breathe before enjoying. Drink now or cellar for 7-10 years.

VINTAGE

The heat wave of November 2009 created a challenging event early in the growing season that had a significant impact on flowering right across the cool climate regions of SA. This heat affected any vines that were at the sensitive flowering stage. Fortunately we saw relatively few blocks at the critical flowering stage during this event and in fact some blocks were advantaged by this early season heat in terms of canopy and disease management. In Mid November the 2010 vintage returned to "normal" with mild weather in late November and through December. Despite a couple of hot spells after Christmas, January and February were relatively cool and mild and vintage started just a few days earlier than in 2009. All red varieties look very good this year and the cool and relatively dry finish allowed the fruit to hang until tannins ripened beautifully, with ferments all shaping up to be of excellent quality with great length and generous varietal characters.

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RATING

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Alcohol 15%
McLaren Vale

