

**2010 Novello Cabernet Merlot**  
Cabernet Sauvignon 51% Merlot 49%  
Adelaide Hills, South Australia 100%



*Novello is a winemaking style aimed at producing youthful, vibrant fresh wines. This is our interpretation!*

**Wine Analysis**

**Winemaker:** Greg Clack

**Bottled:** March 2011

**Alcohol:** 14.0%

**Oak:** 12 months - French Oak

**Acid:** 6.5 g/L

**pH:** 3.49

**Residual Sugar:** 2.4g/L

**Sulphur:** 77 mg/L

**In the Vineyard**

Sourced from a number of vineyards consistently producing high quality wines from a combination of the southern and central Adelaide Hills. Both areas provide unique fruit spectrums to the resultant blend.

**In the Winery**

Portions of high quality fruit were fermented separately in stainless steel using minimal cap management to limit over extraction and maintain the varietal fruit characters. Fermentation was finished in stainless steel prior to maturation in oak in order to preserve as much primary fruit as possible. Post fermentation the wine was matured for 12 months in 100% French Oak.

**In the Glass**

**Colour**

Dark ruby red with a plum purple hue

**Bouquet**

Lifted aromas of blackcurrant, plum, chocolate and a hint of fruitcake. Lifted notes of mint, eucalypt and black olives.

**Palate**

An intensely flavoured varietal example with good expression of primary fruits – blackcurrant, dark plums and hints of mint. A touch of savoury oak integrates seamlessly with the primary fruit characters. Firm but velvety tannins and tight acid give good structure and balance.

Medium to full bodied, with a long persistent flavoursome finish. It will perfectly accompany a good hearty winter dish.

**CHAIN OF PONDS**

**NOVELLO**  
**Cab/Merlot**  
**2010**

