

**James Halliday
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Geoff Merrill retains 5 red star winery rating

Geoff Merrill Wickham Park Chardonnay 2006

Fermentation and brief (nine weeks) maturation in French oak has added as much to the texture as to the flavour of the wine; good acidity helps, too. Screw cap.

14.5% alc. **Rating 87 Drink 2012 \$20 Date Tasted Dec 08**

Geoff Merrill Reserve Chardonnay 2004

Glowing yellow-green; a fully mature blend of McLaren Vale (73%)/Coonawarra (27%); has abundant toasty flavour balanced and lengthened by good acidity. Good value for a wine ready and rearing to go. Screw cap.

13.5% alc. **Rating 91 Drink 2010 \$27 Date Tasted Dec 08**

Geoff Merrill Wickham Park Sauvignon Blanc 2008

Clean and fresh, with vibrant herbaceous, cut grass aromas; the palate is quite thick on entry but brightens up with good acidity on the finish. Screw cap.

13.5% alc. **Rating 87 Drink 2012 \$20 Date Tasted Dec 08**

Geoff Merrill Bush Vine Grenache Rose 2008

Vivid light crimson-fuchsia; good focus, length and drive to the red fruit flavours and underlying minerality; dry finish. Screw cap.
14% alc. **Rating 92 Drink 2010 \$19.50 Date Tasted Aug 08**

Geoff Merrill Bush Vine Shiraz Grenache Mourvedre 2005

Excellent hue; has the authority which McLaren Vale regularly gives good examples of this blend, and which the Barossa Valley does not; offers a bouquet of red fruits in a supple but focused palate. Screw cap.
14.5% alc. **Rating 94 Drink 2015 \$20 Date Tasted Dec 08**

Geoff Merrill Wickham Park Merlot 2005

A little lean, but showing true varietal character of black olive and dark fruits; the palate is quite dry and firm on the finish. Screw cap.
14.5% alc. **Rating 89 Drink 2012 \$25 Date Tasted Sep 08**

Geoff Merrill Jacko's Blend Shiraz 2005

Retains good hue and clarity; pleasantly balanced and flavoured wine, with red and black fruits, restrained oak and soft tannin. Screw cap.
14.5% alc. **Rating 89 Drink 2012 \$25.50 Date Tasted Nov 08**

Geoff Merrill G&W Cabernet 2005

A generous and juicy wine, the rich, dark chocolate-accented McLaren Vale component balanced by Coonawarra red and blackcurrant fruit; good line and mouth feel. Screw cap.
14.5% alc. **Rating 93 Drink 2020 \$25.50 Date Tasted Nov 08**

Geoff Merrill Pimpala Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2003

Almost stridently regional, so strong is the dark chocolate overlay to the blackcurrant fruit; oak also makes a statement. Curious wine.

Cork. 14% alc. **Rating 89 Drink 2013 \$32 Date Tasted Dec 08**

Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2003

Has matured impressively, the palate long and fine in an elegantly earthy spectrum. Coonawarra (53%)/ McLaren Vale 47%). Cork.

14% alc. **Rating 92 Drink 2014 \$40 Date Tasted Dec 08**

Geoff Merrill Henley Shiraz 2001

Expected colour development, but good clarity; soft, rich medium-to full-bodied wine; an array of spice, black fruits, dark chocolate and French oak flavours on an individual style in a battleship bottle.

Cork. 14% alc. **Rating 94 Drink 2016 \$160 Date Tasted Dec 08**

Geoff Merrill Henley Shiraz 2002

The best Henley yet; still youthful and tightly focused, cork permitting with another 20 years in front of it, the intense black fruits seamlessly interwoven with tannins and oak. Cork.

15.5% alc. **Rating 96 Drink 2025 \$150 Date Tasted Dec 08**

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