

Geoff Merrill

# Henley

## 2000 SHIRAZ

*Henley is a strict barrel selection of our best of vintage McLaren Vale Shiraz and is named in honour of Geoff's Grandfather, who passed away at the ripe old age of 102. This wine is the best of the best of our McLaren Vale Shiraz and only 10 barrel of the Vintage are set aside for Henley.*

### **TASTING NOTES:**

The colour is a deep ruby/garnet, which implies youthful exuberance. Opulent spice, liquorice and berry fruits characterise the aroma, which are complexed by the subtle sophistication of the french oak in which this wine was matured. These intricate and refined attributes follow through to the velvety palate, which when combined with fine layered tannins and balanced acid produces a rich, harmonious and elegant wine capable of long term cellaring.

### **WINEMAKERS COMMENTS:**

The 2000 "Henley" blend is taken from vineyard sites in McLaren Vale, with an average vine age of 40years. The largest portion of fruit comes from vineyards planted on sandy pale coloured limestone laced with abundant marine fossils, the balance of the blend (around 10 %) is off 65 year old vines planted on the flood plains which typically vary in character from silty clay to coarse sandy gravel deposited from ancient river systems.

### **WINEMAKERS:**

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

### **TECHNICAL DETAILS:**

Harvested: March 1996  
Alcohol: 14.0%  
Acidity: 7.05g/L  
Residual Sugar: 2.3g/L

