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Wine
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WHAT TO DRINK
Geoff Merrill Reserve Shiraz
2004 (McLaren Vale, SA)
95 (96) / 100

Distinct, pure, currant cassis: oak is a bit chabby, obvious, to begin, but with time in the glass all becomes deeper, fragrant and harmonious. Really concentrated fruit. Attacks with rich, slick berries as well as that toasty oak background and chalky dry tannins. The fruit, importantly lingers long.

One helluva currant coulis finish and
Although, not my style, one to be applauded.

95(96), \$55



Excerpts from Tim Whites article in the same edition

What Price Grange in decent nick?

When referring to a recent assessment of Shiraz tasted blind

“But the star was Geoff Merrill Reserve Shiraz 2004, a Jimmy Watson Trophy winner. At about \$55 you can buy 10 for the price of a bottle of Grange, as quoted by many of my colleagues – or a dozen if you use full, single bottle retail mark ups. “