

Geoff Merrill Reserve Chardonnay 2004By Campbell Mattinson

It's made with a blend of grapes from McLaren Vale (73 percent) and Coonawarra. Screwcap has been a boon for this wine.

Made in the rich, bosomy style of Oz chardonnay but it's held up very well - and developed some lovely complexity along the way. It now tastes of honey and toast, peach and nectarine, though it's the finish that I like the most. It's textural, almost grippy, and yet fresh and persistent. Oak-driven to an extent, but a beautifully handled wine.

Rated : 92 Points

Alcohol : 13.5%

Closure : Screwcap

Drink : 2009 - 2012

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