

Geoff Merrill Reserve Shiraz 2005

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A couple of aged reds from Geoff Merrill made for a welcome change of pace at the tasting bench; excellent to taste wines at maturity. This one too is made from the “best 100 barrels” of the vintage and is matured for 28 months in French oak.

This is in excellent shape. The oak is still assertive but not in a crass way; it adds cedary, smoky, chocolatey flavour to rich notes of plum and leather and earth. There are developed chewed-tobacco flavours too and welcome ripples of tannin. It’s not mind-blowing but it offers above average, aged red drinking.

Rated : 92 Points

Alcohol : 14.5%

Price : \$55

Closure : Cork

Drink : 2010 – 2016

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