

Geoff Merrill Wines

GEOFF MERRILL

**Henley
Shiraz
1997**

THE NAME

“Henley is a strict barrel selection of our best of vintage McLaren Vale Shiraz and is named in honour of my 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 a maximum of 10 barrels of the vintage are set aside for Henley.” - Geoff Merrill

TASTING NOTES

The 1997 shows an abundance of cassis and vanillin oak with cigar box notes. The palate is rich and fruity showing liquorice and berry fruit characters and is elegantly structured with a rich full mid-palate and has a firm tannin structure. Great length of flavour and tight finish complete this excellent wine.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

A rare barrel selection of the very cream of McLaren Vale Shiraz, of which only 200 dozen will be produced. 32 months in French oak barriques bottled August 2000.

WINEMAKERS

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Variety: Shiraz

Region: McLaren Vale

Harvest Date: April 1997

Alc: 13.5% **pH:** 3.41 **TA:** 7.05 g/L **RS:** 2.30 g/L

Oak Treatment: 32 months in new French Radoux Allier hogsheads