

# Geoff Merrill Wines



## 1999 Henley Shiraz

### THE NAME

*"Henley 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 10 barrels of the vintage are set aside for Henley."* - Geoff Merrill

### VINTAGE INFORMATION

The 1999 vintage was characterised by a very hot January and February, which cooled down considerably as harvest approached making way for heavy rain. Complex structure will benefit from medium to long term cellaring.

The 1999 Henley blend is taken from 3 vineyard sites in McLaren Vale, with an average vine age of 45 years.

### WINEMAKERS NOTES

The colour is brick red with good depth and clarity. The aroma is very complex with spice and herb notes, red berry fruits and well integrated French oak.

The palate is tightly structured and well balanced with red berries and layered tannins beginning to soften and adding complexity.

After approx. 15 months in oak Geoff and Scott take part in the sensory evaluation of each barrel to determine which ones make the Henley grade.

Once the barrels are determined, the blend is carefully made in the cellar and refilled into the very best French oak barrels we have for further maturation.

### WINEMAKERS

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Variety:** Shiraz

**Oak Treatment:** 34 months in new French oak hogsheads.

**Region:** McLaren Vale

**Harvest Date:** March 1999

**Alc:** 14.5%, **pH:** 3.40, **TA:** 7.0 g/L, **RS:** 2.0 g/L