

# Geoff Merrill Wines



## 2009 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

### THE NAME

*"A selection of our finest barrels from the vintage are selected for our Reserve range and given additional maturation in oak prior to bottling and cellaring."* - Geoff Merrill

### VINTAGE INFORMATION

Heatwave conditions again caused heart palpitations amongst winemakers and viticulturists alike, leading up to the 2009 harvest. Luckily as quickly as the heat came, it died down to a more manageable level and most vines made a full recovery to ripen in a slow and steady manner.

The 2009 vintage produced many good parcels of fruit and some absolutely outstanding wines were made.

### WINEMAKERS NOTES

Deep red in colour. The aroma is unmistakably Cabernet, showing some menthol, licorice, earth, tomato leaf and beetroot.

The palate is lively and full of fruit with a great tannin structure allowing for medium term cellaring if so desired. Ripe, dark berry fruits and integrated oak flavours fill the mouth with a tightly structured finish rounding of this great example of a Cabernet.

### WINEMAKERS

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Variety:** Cabernet Sauvignon

**Oak Treatment:** 31 months in French and American oak hogsheads.

**Region:** McLaren Vale 51% / Coonawarra 49%

**Harvest Date:** March 2009

**Alc:** 14.5%, **pH:** 3.26, **TA:** 7.2 g/L, **RS:** 2.4 g/L



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