

# Geoff Merrill Wines



## 2012 Bush Vine Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre

### THE NAME

*"Named after the beautiful old Bush Vine Grenache vineyard owned by mates of mine in McLaren Vale. The Grenache component in this wine is hand picked to best preserve this glorious old vineyard. We have been taking fruit from this block for many years and it's one of our favourites."*

- Geoff Merrill

### VINTAGE INFORMATION

More vigorous canopy growth during bud development in 2011, ensured fewer bunches per vine and lighter bunch weights for the 2012 vintage effectively dropping yield rates 35 - 50%. For the most part, growing conditions were optimal right through the growing season with a few temperature and rainfall events which caused some anxiety.

Immediately following the high temperatures was some cool weather and a large rain event which slowed down ripening and allowed the vintage to progress at a good rate.

### WINEMAKERS NOTES

The colour is a dark brick red with blood red hues. The aroma shows savoury spiced meats and wild berry fruits.

The palate is soft and mouth filling with fine fleshy fruit on the mid palate. Good acidity and structure completes the wine ensuring it is very drinkable indeed.

*"Great with pizza, steak, BBQ and sweet/spicy Asian beef."*

### WINEMAKERS

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Variety:** Shiraz 45% / Grenache 45% / Mourvèdre 10%

**Oak Treatment:** 20 months in seasoned American & French oak puncheons.

**Region:** McLaren Vale

**Harvest Date:** March 2012

**Alc:** 14.5%, **pH:** 3.39, **TA:** 7.69 g/L, **RS:** 2.8 g/L



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