

Geoff Merrill Wines



2012 Jacko's Shiraz

THE NAME

"Michael "Jacko" James worked in our cellars until he succumbed to a long battle with leukemia at the age of 26. His legendary character and courage left a lasting impression on everyone he met. Our tribute to him is this full bodied Shiraz which displays rich peppery fruit over a firm underlying structure with great length." - 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 deep blood red with purple hues and great depth. The aroma shows white pepper, spices, menthol, black olive, savoury smoked meats and a hint of leather.

The palate is smooth and full, with dark fruits of black currant and mulberry integrating well with creamy oak.

"Will go well with a nice steak, lamb casserole, BBQ, pizza and cheese."

WINEMAKERS

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Variety: Shiraz

Oak Treatment: 24 months in American and French oak hogsheads & puncheons

Region: McLaren Vale

Harvest Date: March 2012

Alc: 14.5%, **pH:** 3.48, **TA:** 7.0 g/L, **RS:** 2.4 g/L

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