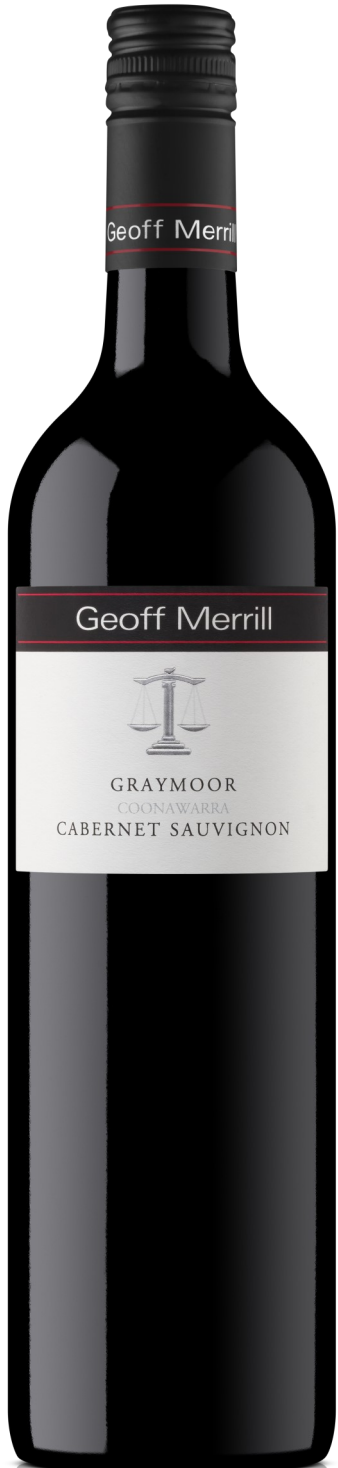


Geoff Merrill Wines



2016 Graymoor Cabernet Sauvignon

THE NAME

"Named after our company owned vineyard in the Coonawarra. Located in the northern fringe of the township of Penola, the Graymoor Vineyard was planted in 1988 and covers approx. 68 acres. Famous for its iconic 'Terra Rossa' soil and cool climate growing conditions, the Coonawarra is the ideal location for us to produce high-quality Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon." - Geoff Merrill

VINTAGE INFORMATION

In the Coonawarra, vintage 2016 commenced quite early, with a warmer than usual spring advancing the whole season and harvest dates arriving a couple of weeks early. Pre-Christmas temperatures were warm which was ideal, with yields seeing a slight increase on some previous years.

Post-Christmas temperatures were milder with the combination of warm days and cold nights extended the ripening period while delivering very promising fruit across all varieties. Overall 2016 was another very good vintage.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The colour is a very dark red with good depth and youthful bright red hues. The aroma shows ripe regional and varietal characters of roast red capsicum, mulberry, black currant, spice and hints of tomato leaf. Complementary oak characters of spice, toast and nuts adds depth and complexity to this complex wine.

The palate initially displays Coonawarra's characteristic length and acidity, then begins to relax and show its generous depth of flavour and finely textured tannins. Blue fruits, spice and herbaceous flavours are complemented by subtle toasty, nutty oak. Give this wine some time to open up in the glass and see it grow.

"Enjoy with rich red meat dishes, hard cheese, savoury meat based wood oven pizza and strong Italian pasta."

WINEMAKERS

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

Oak Treatment: Aged for 22 months in new (20%) and seasoned American and French oak hogsheads.

Region: Coonawarra

Harvest Date: April 2016

Alc: 14.5%, **pH:** 3.29, **TA:** 7.17 g/L, **RS:** 1.8 g/L

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