

# Geoff Merrill Wines



## 2016 Parham Cabernet Sauvignon

### THE NAME

*"Parham is named in honour of my Grandfather Bill Parham, who passed away at the ripe old age of 102. This wine is the best of the best of our McLaren Vale & Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon and only 10 barrels of the vintage are set aside for Parham."* - Geoff Merrill

### VINTAGE INFORMATION

Preceding Winter and Spring rains were significantly lower than had been previously reducing crop potential in the important growth stages leading up to vintage. On average yields were down approximately 30% across many varieties.

With fluctuating temperatures (18° - 37°C) in January and rainfalls in February resulted in a 'pause' in vintage allowing ripening to occur at a more manageable rate. By the end of vintage, even with the lower crop yields, our fruit had more time to ripen 'properly' resulting in very good flavour concentration, acidity and structure.

### WINEMAKERS NOTES

The colour is dark with inky depth and youthful hues. The aroma displays a lifted fresh herbaceous note that follows on to deep mint, olive, dark chocolate and meaty savoury characters.

The palate is larger than life; intense, deep and concentrated. Although the tannins are strong and grippy, the acidity distinct and the flavours youthful and potent, the wine is balanced and seamless. This wine was made in this style and released young to show the brash intensity of youth.

*"If you have a week to live, drink it now. Any time you can give this wine will be repaid in ever increasing "aahhh" and "OMG" moments."*

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Winemakers:** Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

**Variety:** Cabernet Sauvignon

**Oak Treatment:** 27 months in new American oak hogsheads.

**Region:** McLaren Vale 85% / Coonawarra 15%

**Harvest Date:** March / April 2016

**Alc:** 14.5%, **pH:** 3.25, **TA:** 7.99 g/L, **RS:** 1.9 g/L

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