

Geoff Merrill Wines



2016 Winemaker's Reserve (Unlabelled) Shiraz

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Preceding winter and spring rains were significantly lower than previous years, reducing crops by an average of 30% across many varieties in McLaren Vale.

Fluctuating temperatures in January and rainfall in February resulted in a pause in vintage allowing ripening to occur at a more manageable rate. By the end of vintage, our fruit had more time to ripen properly, resulting in very good flavour concentration, acidity and structure.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The colour is a deep, dark red with cherry red hues.

The aroma is a moreish blend of fresh mulberry, blackcurrant and olive, with clove, black pepper and hints of cinnamon. Toasty vanilla and chocolate notes come through with time in the glass.

On the palate, welcoming ripe cherry and plum flavours lead the more complete spice and savory characters through to a clean harmonious finish. Both intense yet restrained, this wine will continue to develop well in bottle and suit a variety of foods.

PAIR WITH

Enjoy with BBY lamb loin chops, wagyu steak, lamb shanks, beef shank, Swiss brown mushrooms and BBQ Spanish Mackerel cutlets.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Winemakers: Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

Variety: Shiraz

Drink: Now to 2028

Oak Treatment: Aged for 27 months in new (90%) and one year old American and French oak hogsheads and puncheons.

Region: McLaren Vale

Harvest Date: March 2016

Alc: 14.5%, **pH:** 3.35, **TA:** 7.4 g/L, **RS:** 1.3 g/L

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