

Geoff Merrill

**2010**

**Merlot**

WICKHAM PARK

McLaren Vale

**WINEMAKERS NOTES**

The colour is a deep brick red with garnet hues. The aroma is wonderfully Merlot. Full of fruit cake, some musk, earth, cinnamon and meaty notes. The palate displays an exciting array of flavours including tart cherry, coffee, dark chocolate and rhubarb which is really showing the complexity that comes with maturation. The tannins are fine and firm and the acidity perfectly balanced to provide structure and length.

**Enjoy with slow cooked meats and charcuterie.**

**VINTAGE INFORMATION**

The 2010 season got off to a shaky start with a brief burst of heat in November 2009, which adversely affected flowering in some varieties. Good preceding winter and spring rains set up the vines with good soil moisture and ample canopy so most varieties came through summer unaffected. For the remainder of the growing season the climate was ideal for premium grape production with many local growers proclaiming 2010 a stand-out vintage in McLaren Vale.

**WINEMAKERS**

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

**TECHNICAL DETAILS**

**Variety:** Merlot

**Growing Region:** McLaren Vale

**Harvest Date:** March 2010

**Alc: 14.5% pH: 3.24 TA: 6.5g/l RS: 2.6g/L**



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