

Geoff Merrill

2012

Cabernet Shiraz

FLEURIEU

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The colour is a deep red with blood red and purple hues. The aroma shows lots of Cabernet lift and spice with plenty of ripe red berry fruits. The Shiraz also comes through strongly, complementing the nose with black cherry, licorice and hints of menthol. The palate is bright and fresh with a balanced mid weight mouthfeel, clean primary fruit and a long finish ending on a fruity herbal note.

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

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Variety: Cabernet 57% / Shiraz 43%

Growing Region: Fleurieu

Alc: 14.5% **pH:** 3.38 **TA:** 7.8g/l **RS:** 3.0g/l

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750ml