

Geoff Merrill

2011
Cabernet Sauvignon

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McLaren Vale / Coonawarra

WINEMAKERS NOTES

This Cabernet Sauvignon has a wonderfully expressive varietal aroma while the blend of McLaren Vale and Coonawarra highlights the best aromas and flavours that Cabernet has to offer - peppermint, violets, chocolate, leather, black olive and menthol with oak influenced toasty vanilla. It is medium bodied with a generous mouth feel and a long finish.

Ideal with roasted or grilled lamb

VINTAGE INFORMATION

The 2011 vintage was one many would probably like to forget! During the crucial time for grape growing in McLaren Vale (January to March), we experienced double the average rainfall (55.5mm) with falls for the three months totalling 116.4mm.

The lead up to the vintage was actually very good. Soaking rains in winter and into spring and mild temperatures in early summer meant a nice slow accumulation of flavours which we managed to capture in the majority of the fruit we took in.

WINEMAKERS

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Variety: Cabernet

Growing Region: McLaren Vale 60% Coonawarra 40%

Harvest Date: March 2011

Oak Handling: 24 months in American Oak and French Oak hogsheads

Alc: 14.5% **pH:** 3.3 **TA:** 7.4g/l **RS:** 2.8g/l

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