

Geoff Merrill

2014

Chardonnay

WICKHAM PARK

McLaren Vale

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The colour is a brilliant youthful straw with green hues. The aroma is fresh and vibrant displaying citrus, and melon with subtle toasted oak. The palate shows fresh clean fruit flavours, some floral characters, with a creaminess courtesy of the small proportion of French oak in the blend. Overall the wine is well balanced, smooth and has oak complexity which will complement a wide range of food styles.

VINTAGE INFORMATION

The 2014 started out with an extremely wet winter in 2013 with significantly higher than average rainfall which then essentially ceased for the months following. An unexpected burst of heat through spring lead to flowering early for many varieties. Low rainfall and extremely high temperatures continued throughout summer. Immediately following the high temperatures was some cool weather and a large rain event which slowed down ripening, causing quite a gap in vintage. Top wines will be exciting, well balanced acidity and full flavoured with good tannins.

WINEMAKERS

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Variety: Chardonnay

Growing Region: McLaren Vale

Harvest Date: March 2014

Oak Handling: Approximately 10% of the blend was fermented and matured in French Oak for 9 months

Alc: 13.0% **pH:** 3.38 **TA:** 6.4g/l **RS:** 2.1 g/l

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750ml