

Geoff Merrill Wines



G & W Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

THE NAME

"Sourced from our company owned vineyards, "G" is for Graymoor in the Coonawarra and "W" for Wickham Park in McLaren Vale. The individual growing conditions of each site affords us the unique opportunity of being able to blend wines of what each region has to offer." - Geoff Merrill

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%.

Immediately following the high temperatures was some cool weather and a rain event which slowed down ripening and allowed the vintage to progress at a good rate. Overall 2012 was considered to be an outstanding vintage.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The colour is a very deep dark red. The aroma is characterised by ripe, concentrated berries, spice and herbs. Olive, plum, currant, menthol and chocolate just for starters. Then earth, sage and a little vanilla bean pokes out between the toasty oak.

Not your typical cabernet, this is a ripe, inky, muscular specimen that eats rump steak for breakfast. The palate has great length and acidity with firm, grippy tannins and ample fruit weight bringing it all together.

"Drink now through to 2025 with your favourite steak, grilled lamb or moussaka."

WINEMAKERS

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

Oak Treatment: 22 months in mainly seasoned (10% new) American & French oak hogsheads

Region: McLaren Vale 55% / Coonawarra 45%

Harvest Date: March 2012

Alc: 14.5%, **pH:** 3.28, **TA:** 7.79 g/L, **RS:** 0.3 g/L