

Geoff Merrill Wines



Fleurieu Cabernet Shiraz 2012

THE NAME

"The wine region of McLaren Vale sits within the Fleurieu Peninsula, one of South Australia's most beautiful tourist destinations. Just 45 minutes South from the Vale is Langhorne Creek with its ever growing reputation for wine growing. The primary source of fruit for this wine is from vineyards owned by some very close friends of ours. We have been sourcing fruit from these blocks for over 20 years now and they keep getting better each year." - 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 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.

"Enjoy with meat lovers pizza, lamb chops, steak sausages and finish with a hard cheese."

WINEMAKERS

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon 57% / Shiraz 43%

Oak Treatment: 20 months in seasoned American oak hogsheads and puncheons.

Region: Fleurieu

Harvest Date: March / April 2012

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