

# Geoff Merrill Wines



## Wickham Park Merlot 2012

### THE NAME

*"This wine forms part of our range named after our company owned vineyards in McLaren Vale. Sitting at the foothills of the Adelaide Hills, our Wickham Estate vineyards are located in one of the coolest areas in McLaren Vale providing us greater flexibility and diversity in our wine portfolio."* - 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 dark red with great depth and vibrancy with aromas displaying blackberry, cinnamon, earth, fruitcake and violets blended with cedary oak, vanilla and chocolate.

The palate is powerfully structured belying its age, keeping the distinctive fruit in check. Although released as a mature wine, time will bring out the best in this amazing McLaren Vale Merlot from the most intense vintage of recent times.

*"Enjoy with hearty Italian dishes such as Puttanesca, fresh pesto gnocchi and rosemary lamb."*

### WINEMAKERS

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Variety:** Merlot

**Oak Treatment:** 20 months in seasoned American and French hogsheads

**Region:** McLaren Vale

**Harvest Date:** March 2012

**Alc:** 14.5%, **pH:** 3.24, **TA:** 7.3 g/L, **RS:** 4.2 g/L

