

# Geoff Merrill Wines



## Bush Vine Grenache Rosé 2018

### THE NAME

*"Named after the beautiful old Bush Vine Grenache vineyard owned by mates of mine in McLaren Vale. The fruit in this wine is hand picked to best preserve this glorious old vineyard. We have been taking fruit from this block for many years and it's one of our favourites."* - Geoff Merrill

### VINTAGE INFORMATION

The 2017 Winter began quite dry, with just enough rain arriving in late winter and early spring to add some much-needed moisture to the soil depths. Aside from hot conditions during spring, the growing season progressed quite well without lengthy extremes causing too much damage. The summer heat tapered off to ideal, mild conditions required for extended ripening of late varieties such as Grenache and Mataro.

Most varieties will have stand out examples, either due to a reduction in yield such as Shiraz and to a lesser extent Cabernet, or the ideal conditions at the end of the season for Grenache. 2018 overall is a terrific McLaren Vale vintage with its most important varieties coming out on top.

### WINEMAKERS NOTES

Immediately visually appealing, the colour is a striking, yet delicate pure pink. The aroma is a mix of strawberry and perfumed violets with a hint of blood orange in the background. Initially on the palate there's clean bright berries and a floral edge and you think that's it, until the vibrant acidity modestly unfurls revealing its elaborate structure and length.

*"Don't drink this wine too cold or you'll miss the wonderful aromatics and flavours that will go exceedingly well with scallops, pork belly, spicy Thai salad and tea smoked duck."*

### WINEMAKERS

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Variety:** Grenache, hand-picked from 60 – 90 years old vines.

Total time on skins is less than 6 hours.

**Region:** McLaren Vale

**Harvest Date:** April 2018

**Alc:** 13.5%, **pH:** 2.97, **TA:** 6.3 g/L, **RS:** 1.7 g/L

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