

# Geoff Merrill Wines



## Jacko's Shiraz 2013

### THE NAME

*"Michael "Jacko" James worked in our cellars until he succumbed to a long battle with leukemia at the age of 26. His legendary character and courage left a lasting impression on everyone he met. Our tribute to him is this full bodied Shiraz which displays rich peppery fruit over a firm underlying structure with great length." - Geoff Merrill*

### VINTAGE INFORMATION

The 2013 vintage was a welcome return to a fairly 'normal' vintage. We had good winter and spring rains and only a small reduction in yield across a few varieties.

The ripening period had a small heat 'hiccup' but the vines made it through unscathed and ripening continued extremely well enabling us to pick at full flavour ripeness.

### WINEMAKERS NOTES

The colour is a deep red with youthful purple hues. A wonderful array of dried herbs initially characterises the aroma. Oregano, dill and thyme come forward, then make way for black pepper, olive and black cherry.

Savoury and earthy tones also make their way from the aroma onto the full, fleshy palate. Fine ripe tannin, tight acidity and meaty flavours combine into an umami delight, with ripe red fruits adding colour and brightness to the palate.

*"Drink now to 2028 with dry aged steak, steak tartare, pasta with shaved truffle and finished with Blue Castello."*

### WINEMAKERS

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Variety:** Shiraz

**Oak Treatment:** 22 months in mainly seasoned (20% new) American & French oak hogsheads

**Region:** McLaren Vale

**Harvest Date:** March 2013

**Alc:** 14.5%, **pH:** 3.34, **TA:** 7.6 g/L, **RS:** 0.5 g/L

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