Shiraz Grenache Mourvedre Geoff Merrill 2019



Region

Located just 30 minutes drive south east of Adelaide and parallel to the coast, these rolling hillside vineyards produce some of Australia`s finest Shiraz and Grenache based red wines. Some of the areas historic old wineries were established in the late 1800s and many remain today. With a strong regional identity on the international stage, the wines have a distinctive style and subtlely achieved from a combination of very warm summers, mild winters and cooling sea breezes. Many of Australia`s most famous and expensive wines have their vineyard origins within this region.

Producer

Geoff Merrill was born in 1953 and was raised on a sheep station in the far north of South Australia until he was 11 years old. The Merrill family then moved to the Barossa Valley, just north of Adelaide, where Geoff`s first links with the wine industry were formed. Following his `apprenticeship` at Chateau Reynella, in 1985 he purchased the historic Mount Hurtle winery. Reknowned for his handle-bar moustache and friendship with many of crickets elite, his talents were rewarded in 2005 when he received the legendary Jimmy Watson Trophy, probably Australia`s most prestigious wine award, named after the iconic Jimmy Watson`s Wine Bar in Melbourne.

Tasting Notes

A traditional Rhone style blend of Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvedre, full of aromas of coffee and spice with a hint of fennel while the palate is youthful with the old vine Grenache providing raspberries and black cherries, blackcurrant from the Shiraz and Mourvedre giving vigour and savoury earthy flavours, all supported by a firm yet fine tannin structure with well integrated oak adding complexity to the wine.

Food

Best when served alongside roasted or grilled meats such as beef or lamb and mature cheeses.

Technical Information

Country	Australia
Region	McLaren Vale
Grape(s)	Shiraz (60%) Grenache (34%) Mourvèdre (6%)
Type	Red
Style	Complex
Oaked Style	Lightly oaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	No

Dry/Sweet Style	Not applicable	
Alcohol Content	14.5%	
Closure Style	Screw cap	
Organic/Biodynamic	No	
Allergens	**Milk:** **Egg:**	No No
Vegetarian/Vegan	**Vegetarian:** **Vegan:**	Yes Yes

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