

Geoff Merrill Wines



Jacko's Shiraz 2014

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 2014 vintage started out with a wet winter in 2013 with higher than average rainfall which then essentially ceased for the months following. An unexpected burst of heat through spring led to flowering early. Low rainfall and extremely high temperatures then continued throughout summer.

Immediately following the high temperatures was some cool weather and a large rain event which slowed down ripening, causing quite a gap in vintage. Top wines will be exciting, well balanced acidity and full flavoured with good tannins.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The colour is a dark blood red with hints of purple in the hue. The aroma is warm and inviting, displaying spice, earth, leather, black olive, savoury meats and McLaren Vale chocolate. The palate shows ripe red berries, plum and blackberry with rounded grippy tannins and lively acidity.

"Enjoy with BBQ Italian sausages, pizza with salami, roast lamb and BBQ ribs."

WINEMAKERS

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Variety: Shiraz

Oak Treatment: Aged for 29 months in new and seasoned American and French oak hogsheads and puncheons.

Region: McLaren Vale

Harvest Date: March 2014

Alc: 14.5%, **pH:** 3.40, **TA:** 7.78 g/L, **RS:** 0.4 g/L