

# Geoff Merrill Wines



## Wickham Park Chardonnay 2016

### 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

Preceding Winter and Spring rains were significantly lower than had been previously reducing crop potential in the important growth stages leading up to vintage. On average yields were down approximately 30% across many varieties in McLaren Vale.

With fluctuating temperatures (18° - 37°C) in January and rainfalls in February resulted in a 'pause' in vintage allowing ripening to occur at a more manageable rate. By the end of vintage, even with the lower crop yields, our fruit had more time to ripen 'properly' resulting in very good flavour concentration, acidity and structure.

### WINEMAKERS NOTES

The colour is a light straw with a hint of green. The aroma is clean and delicate, displaying fig, nectarine, lime and a hint of cucumber skin.

The palate begins with a ripe citrus flavour, moving through to stone fruit and a touch of lantana. The mouthfeel contains a fine mineral structure reminiscent of European versions.

*"Enjoy with shellfish, oily fish and crustaceans, and rich white meat dishes."*

### WINEMAKERS

Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Variety:** Chardonnay

**Oak Treatment:** 15% was fermented and matured in new French hogsheads

**Region:** Coonawarra 65% / McLaren Vale 35%

**Harvest Date:** March 2016

**Alc:** 12.5%, **pH:** 3.28, **TA:** 5.5 g/L, **RS:** 2.0 g/L



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