

# Geoff Merrill G & W Cabernet Sauvignon 2014



## Region

McLaren Vale - 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, many of Australia's most famous and expensive wines have their vineyard origins within this region. Coonawarra - the southern most and coolest of South Australia's vineyards, benefitting from the cooling influences of the Southern Ocean. The soil comprises of a thin strip of iron rich red soil, or 'terra rosa', that imparts a special regional minerality to the wines, especially Cabernet Sauvignon.

## 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

This rich Cabernet is blended from two regions that impart a distinct identity, Graymoor in Coonawarra and Wickham Downs in McLaren Vale. It has a deep red colour with youthful purple hues. The aroma shows intense varietal characters of menthol, black olive, mint and capsicum with subtle complex oak in the background. The palate is wonderfully supple and fleshy with fine firm tannins providing excellent structure.

## Food

A fantastic barbecue wine that works well with roasted meats, lamb hot pot, Indian curries and great with hard cheeses.

### Technical Information

<b>Country</b>	Australia	<b>Dry/Sweet Style</b>	Not applicable
<b>Region</b>	McLaren Vale/Coonawarra	<b>Alcohol Content</b>	14.5%
<b>Grape(s)</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)	<b>Closure Style</b>	Screw cap
<b>Type</b>	Red	<b>Organic/Biodynamic</b>	No
<b>Style</b>	Complex	<b>Allergens</b>	<b>Milk:</b> No <b>Egg:</b> No
<b>Oaked Style</b>	Lightly oaked	<b>Vegetarian/Vegan</b>	<b>Vegetarian:</b> Yes <b>Vegan:</b> Yes
<b>Body Style</b>	Medium bodied		
<b>Sustainable</b>	No		



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