

Geoff Merrill Wines

- Tasting Note -

Since establishing himself at Mt Hurtle winery in 1985 Geoff Merrill has achieved significant success at home and internationally. His elegant, subtle wines have culminated in major trophy wins including the coveted Jimmy Watson and The Wine Society Trophy. Geoff's commitment to releasing wines to be enjoyed at the table has never wavered.

2017 Bush Vine Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre

THE STORY

"Named after the beautiful old Bush Vine Grenache vineyard owned by mates of mine in McLaren Vale. The Grenache component in this wine is hand picked to best preserve this glorious old vineyard. We have been taking fruit from this block for many years and it's one of our favourites." - Geoff Merrill

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Above average winter rainfall, which helped set up early growth of the vines. Cooler air and soil temperatures during Spring slowed down vine development delaying harvest dates.

Crop yields were good as was the quality for both whites and reds, both looking outstanding with excellent flavour.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The aroma is an attractive blend of plum and spice with savoury meats and black pepper. Lighter notes of cherry and violets lift with time in the glass.

A smooth, fine structure gives a great first impression. The bright berry fruit on the mid palate reveals itself as the wine opens up. A very complex wine, with both freshness and development coming together to produce a smooth and drinkable accompaniment to a wide range of foods.

FOOD PAIRING

Enjoy with pepperoni pizza, bbq lamb loin chops, beef ribs, Angus beef burger and some cheese with a bit of bite.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Winemakers: Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

Variety: Shiraz 52% / Grenache 42% / Mourvèdre 6%

Region: McLaren Vale

Oak Treatment: 22 months in seasoned American & French oak puncheons.

Harvest Date: March 2017

Alc: 14.5%, **pH:** 3.42, **TA:** 6.98 g/L, **RS:** 2.3 g/L

