



HENSCHKE

Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

Keyneton Estate 1999

Grape Variety

70% shiraz, 20% cabernet sauvignon and 10% merlot grown in the Barossa (Barossa Valley and Eden Valley).

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 8 March-23 April | Alcohol: 14.3% | pH: 3.34 | Acidity: 6.0g/L

Maturation

Matured in new and seasoned French and American oak hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling.

Background

The Barossa hills village of Keyneton, pioneered by pastoralist Joseph Keynes in 1842, was a musical and cultural focus for the early settlers, and was home to the Henschke Family Brass Band and the Henschke winery. The Henschke Family Band was founded in 1888 by Paul Gotthard Henschke and later led by third-generation Paul Alfred Henschke, and featured wonderful wind instruments such as a B flat euphonium, cornet and E flat clarinet. The B flat euphonium, a large brass wind instrument, was made by the famous Zimmermann factory in Leipzig, Germany, in the late 19th century. The instruments were imported by musical entrepreneur, Carl Engel of Adelaide in the late 1900s and have been lovingly restored and remain in the Henschke family.

Vintage Description

The latter part of spring led into one of the hottest summers on record, with virtually no rain. The drought conditions resulted in smaller berry size producing spicy, dark intense reds. Tropical cyclones Elaine and Vance brought unseasonal rains in mid-March, causing widespread botrytis problems requiring careful handpicking. The 1999 vintage proved to be another challenging vintage for Eden Valley although the final quality results made it worthwhile.

Wine Description

Deep crimson with brick red hues. Aromas of sweet ripe plums, blackberries and raisins with developing savoury nuances. The palate is complex and textured with rich fruit flavours and soft silky tannins for a long finish.

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Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage,
15+ years (from vintage).

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