

HENSCHKE



Tasting Notes

Wine and Vintage

Keyneton Estate 1997 Shiraz, Cabernet Malbec

Grape Varieties

65 % Shiraz, 25 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 10 % Malbec grapes grown in Eden Valley and the Barossa Valley.

History

Named as a tribute to an early English pioneer Joseph Keynes, who settled at Keyneton in 1842 and after whom the village was named. The estate blend exhibits complex fruit flavours and superb balance from the combination of low yielding ungrafted dry grown varieties. Matured in new and seasoned American and French oak hogshead for 15 months.

Vintage Description

A wet winter, with average rainfall during the 4 month winter period, followed by a mild dry spring, leading to excellent growth, good set and vigour. However frosts caused damage in some vineyards. A mild late 'Indian Summer' ended the cool season, ensuring excellent ripening conditions and accumulation of colour and flavour.

Wine Description

Bright crimson colour, a sweet spicy cherry/plum raspberry fruit with underlying sweet balsam vanillin oak and hints of sappy, anise malbec and cabernet nuances. Soft spicy fleshy palate, still showing a tight youthfulness, silky tannins with a slightly firmer edge and good length of flavour on the finish.

Cellaring Potential

Very good vintage, optimum year 2005.

Serving Suggestions

Slow oven roasted pork, rare roast of beef with a wine glaze, seasoned lamb, salt'n'pepper spatchcock, quail with wild rice.