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2016 THE ROSE GROWER NEBBIOLO

GRAPE VARIETY

100% nebbiolo grown on the Henschke Eden Valley vineyard, and managed using organic and biodynamic principles.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 18 & 27 April | Alcohol: 12.5% | pH: 3.71 | Acidity: 5.82g/L

MATURATION

Fermented on skins for up to 36 days and matured in 100% seasoned French hogsheads for 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale garnet in colour with brick-red hues. Fragrant aromas of red cherry, pomegranate, dried cranberry and spicy orange rind with floral notes of rosehip and nettle. The savoury and complex palate is layered with tart red fruit, charcuterie, hints of anise and Campari and fine, firm tannins, balanced by minerality and fresh acidity for a long and textural finish.

BACKGROUND

It is believed that the name nebbiolo is derived from the Italian word *nebbia*, meaning fog. The Henschke nebbiolo vines have been planted on rocky soils on an elevated foggy north facing slope at the source of the North Para River, at the top of the range overlooking the village of Eden Valley. The wine is named after the pioneering Roesler family, who managed the property as a dairy for generations. In the German language, Roesler is an occupational name for 'rose grower'.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2016 vintage began with well below-average winter rainfall, followed by a warm and dry spring, which enhanced flowering and set to give average to above-average yield potential. Low disease pressure was maintained by one of the hottest Decembers on record, though temperatures cooled down in the New Year and rainfall around veraison in late January brought relief to the dry-grown, old-vine Eden Valley vineyards. This was followed by further rainfall in early March which eased the stress on all varieties. The fruit matured with an earlier harvest, as predicted due to an early Easter. Open, light and airy vine canopies allowed for good flavour, sugar and colour and mature tannins to develop at harvest, which was overall characterised by average yields but very high quality.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage,
10+ years (from vintage).

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