



## LOUIS EDEN VALLEY SEMILLON 2004

### *Grape Variety*

100% semillon grown in Eden Valley.

### *Wine Description*

Green gold in colour. Fragrant lemon blossom and gooseberry fruit on the nose with hints of straw and lanolin. The palate displays ripe lemony fruit and fresh acidity, with lingering flavours of zest and herbs.

### *Cellaring Potential*

Great vintage, drink 2004 to 2008

### *Serving Idea*

Chicken and chilli empanada.

### *Technical Data*

Harvest date:	20-26 April 2004
Alcohol:	12.7%
pH	3.01
Acid:	6.9g/l
Stelvin cap:	Bottled under a Stelvin screw cap to capture the freshness and keeping qualities of semillon and to protect its purity from cork-influenced off characters.

## TASTING NOTES

### *Background*

Named as a tribute to Louis Edmund Henschke (1919-1990), who owned and managed the Hill of Grace vineyard for 40 years. His expertise as a vigneron has resulted in a legacy in the form of the famous vineyard being maintained using long-term organic principles. The semillon variety has been traditionally used in Australia for the production of dry, full-bodied white wines with excellent ageing properties.

### *Vintage Description*

The average winter rainfall this season was a welcome relief after 2003's fourth-worst drought in history. A relatively frost-free, wet warm and thundery spring followed, creating a natural 'greenhouse' effect. The vines grew vigorously, flowered and in general set a large crop. December was the hottest for 10 years, however at the start of 2004 the weather became mild and windy and the vines thrived under virtually no heat stress. At the start of February searing heat caused sunburn and significant crop losses. New records were broken with South Australia experiencing its hottest day ever. Fortunately March returned the region to glorious sunny days and cold dewy nights, with a couple of minor rain events, allowing the fruit to ripen under near perfect conditions. The vintage was almost as late as 2002 with good yields and excellent fruit quality.