



HENSCHKE

Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

Tilly's Vineyard 2016

Grape Variety

An aromatic blend of 50% sauvignon blanc, 15% semillon, 14% pinot gris, 13% riesling and 8% chardonnay grown on the Henschke Lenswood vineyard (80%) and Eden Valley vineyard (20%) in the Barossa wine region.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 11 February - 16 March | *Alcohol:* 13.0% | *pH:* 3.26 | *Acidity:* 5.86g/L

Maturation

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage to preserve the wine's fragrant characteristics.

Background

This attractive, aromatic blend is named as a tribute to Stephen's great-aunt Otilie Mathilde 'Tilly' Henschke, one of the many remarkable pioneering women of the era when daily life saw them work the land, grow their own produce and raise a large family; a far cry from the ease of today.

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 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 to develop at harvest, and allowed for concentrated, textural wines which were overall characterised by average yields of very high quality.

Wine Description

Brilliant, pale straw-gold with lime-green hues. Attractive, fragrant aromas of guava, white nectarine, yellow apple and gooseberry, with floral hints of white petals and clover blossom, and underlying notes of sherbet, lemon curd and lime leaf. The textural palate is full of rich stone-fruit and apple flavours, with hints of nashi pear, white currant, mint and lime leaf, supported by a ripe citrus acidity. A wine that shows excellent shape and balance as well as a long, lingering and flavourful finish.

Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage, 10+ years (from vintage).

Reviewed

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