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Cyril Henschke Cabernet 1997 (Museum Release)

Grape Variety

75% cabernet sauvignon, 15% merlot and 10% cabernet franc grown on the Henschke Eden Valley vineyard.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: Mid May | Alcohol: 14.6% | pH: 3.52 | Acidity: 5.9g/L

Maturation

Matured in new French hogsheads for 21 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged at Henschke Cellars in Keyneton for museum release.

Background

This wine carries the name of Stephen's father, Cyril Henschke (1924-1979), as a tribute to one of Australia's outstanding winemaking pioneers, renowned for the production of varietal table wines with the accent on quality and flavour. The Eden Valley region, pioneered by Charles Crane, was established in 1866 around the nearby North Para River system. Cyril Henschke purchased the Eden Valley property in 1966, planting cabernet sauvignon on a north-facing slope allowing for exceptional fruit maturity, in well-drained soils of micaceous sandy loam over gravel with patches of red clay.

Vintage Description

A wet winter, with average rainfall during the four-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

Crimson in colour with brick red hues. 20 years on from the inaugural vintage, this wine continues to show the extraordinary characteristics of cool climate cabernet sauvignon. Attractive, sweet, delicate aromas of cassis, blackcurrant and violet with leathery undertones and savoury nuances. The palate is still youthful with rich fruit flavours and beautiful layers of texture and complexity; chalky tannins and a long, luscious finish.



Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage,
15+ years (from vintage).
Ideal to drink now.

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