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Cyril Henschke Cabernet Sauvignon 1990

Grape Variety

95% cabernet sauvignon and 5% merlot grown on the Henschke Eden Valley vineyard.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: Late April | Alcohol: 13% | pH: 3.45 | Acidity: 6.2g/L

Maturation

Matured in new and seasoned French hogsheads prior to blending and bottling.

Background

This wine carries the name of Stephen's father, Cyril Henschke (1942-1979), 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. Cyril planted cabernet sauvignon at Henschke's Eden Valley vineyard in the 1960s.

Vintage Description

The 1990 vintage was an exceptional picture-book season. The most striking feature was the perfect growing season with a relatively cool to mild summer providing the right conditions for the formation of elegant fruit flavours and an ideal balance in respect to sugar, acid and flavour. Good winter rains and perfect spring weather promoted excellent fruit set and the mild summer weather that followed led to a slow and steady ripening of the berries. The largest yields on record with possibly some of the best quality for two to three decades, the 1990 vintage may yet rate as the year of the century, against such great years as 1959, 1982 and 1986.

Wine Description

Very deep opaque crimson in colour. A complex nose showing sweet, lifted aromas of red currants, plums, tobacco and violets with cedar, cigar box and anise notes. The elegantly layered palate shows mulberry and sage oil flavours with good acidity and structure that adds finesse to the fine-grained tannins on the long finish.

Reviewed pre-2005



Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,
25+ years (from vintage).
Under ideal cellaring
conditions.

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