



HENSCHKE

Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards



Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage,
drink now to 2018.

Hill of Grace 1995

Grape Variety

100% shiraz grapes from pre-phylloxera material brought from Europe by the early settlers in the mid-1800s and grown in the Eden Valley wine region.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 10 March | Alcohol : 13.8% | pH: 3.37 | Acidity: 6.3g/L

Maturation

The handpicked grapes were vinified in traditional open-top fermenters.

Background

Over 150 years ago Johann Christian Henschke came from Silesia to settle and farm in the Eden Valley region. By the time third-generation Paul Alfred Henschke took over the reins in 1914, the famous Hill of Grace shiraz vines were more than 50 years old. They were planted around the 1860s by an ancestor, Nicolaus Stanitzki, in rich alluvial soil in a shallow fertile valley just north-west of the winery. Hill of Grace is a unique delineated single historic vineyard. The vineyard lies opposite a beautiful old Lutheran Church, built of local field stone, which was euphoniously named Gnadenberg, meaning Hill of Grace.

Cyril Henschke, the fourth generation, made the first single-vineyard wine from these vines in 1958. The original vines are now over 130 years old.

Vintage Description

The adverse weather conditions, drought, frosts and a dry spring and summer reduced the crops of all varieties. Despite reduced yields of up to 40%, the 1995 vintage produced high quality wines.

Wine Description

Vibrant red in colour. The intense nose displays blackberries, plums and chocolate with exotic mountain florals, lavender and smoked paprika. A layered palate of blackcurrant, Dutch licorice, sage oil and fresh menthol with fine tannins and a long finish.

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