



HENSCHKE

Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards



Julius Eden Valley Riesling 1997

Grape Variety

100% riesling grown in Eden Valley.

Technical Details

Harvest: Early May | *Alcohol:* 13.5% | *pH:* 3.09 | *Acidity:* 7.3g/L

Maturation

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage (no oak or tank maturation) to preserve the wine's fruit characteristics.

Background

Riesling is the classic grape variety of Germany and one of the earliest varieties brought to South Australia. Cyril Henschke developed the Henschke reputation for premium riesling wines as early as the 1950s, from the vineyard areas of Eden Valley, Keyneton and Springton. These dry, food-oriented wines are clean and crisp and have the ability to age into delicious marmalade on toast flavours, due to the cool climate of the Eden Valley region. This region provides ideal ripening conditions for the riesling grape and has a unique track record of exceptional ageing potential for the variety. The Eden Valley riesling vineyard is planted on sandy loam over gravel and bedrock, with patches of clay. It has been named in tribute to ancestor Julius Henschke, a highly acclaimed artist and sculptor.

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

Gold with green hues. A lifted, spicy bouquet of white peach and wattle blossom with a touch of honey. The long, well-balanced palate, although still crisp and delicate, presents delicious honey and marmalade characters accented with lime.

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Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage, 10+ years