



# HENSCHKE

*Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards*

## Julius Riesling 2000

### Grape Variety

100% riesling grown in Eden Valley.

### Technical Details

Harvest Date: 29 March-7 April | Alcohol: 12.5% | pH: 2.96 | Acidity: 7.2g/L

### Maturation

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

### Background

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 in the Eden Valley wine 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. The wine is named after ancestor Julius Henschke, a highly acclaimed artist and sculptor.

### Vintage Description

The 2000 vintage was small and early with another drought winter, frost at the end of October, poor flower development in spring and the unseasonal cool temperatures in late October/early November, leading to low yields. This was compounded by searing summer temperatures and a lot of rain at the end of February - 100mm of rain over 24 hours courtesy of a tropical cyclone up north - which caused splitting of the fruit and subsequent shrivel and raisining. Overall the whites showed good flavour intensity, balance and acidity.

### Wine Description

Deep gold with lime hues. A complex nose of citrus blossom, pear skin, lime zest and honey interwoven with subtle aromas of fennel, clove and wet rocks. Sweet and luscious on the palate with tropical fruit, nectarine and citrus flavours; textural and beautifully balanced with a crisp, dry, long, toasty finish.



### Cellaring Potential

Great vintage,  
10+ years (from vintage).  
Ideal to drink now.

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