



HENSCHKE

Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

Julius Riesling 1999



Grape Variety

100% riesling grown in Eden Valley.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 4 March-3 May | *Alcohol:* 13.2% | *pH:* 2.89 | *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 latter part of spring led into one of the hottest summers on record, with virtually no rain. Tropical cyclones Elaine and Vance brought unseasonal rains in mid March, causing widespread botrytis problems requiring careful handpicking and the natural development of noble rot.

Wine Description

Deep gold with green hues. Intense, lifted aromas of citrus pith, zesty orange rind, honey and marmalade on toast, entwined with hints of clove, lavender and cumquat. The rich, sweet palate shows citrus fruits on entry, followed by more developed marmalade on toast characters with chewy phenolics and crisp acidity providing texture and length.

Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,
20+ years (from vintage).
Drinking well now.

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