



# HENSCHKE

150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



## 2018 JULIUS RIESLING

### GRAPE VARIETY

100% riesling grown in Eden Valley.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 5 - 19 March | Alcohol: 11.5% | pH: 3.03 | Acidity: 6.6g/L

### MATURATION

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage to preserve the delicate aromatic fruit characters.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw with green hues. Fragrant and focussed aromas of lime juice, lime blossom and kaffir lime leaf, with hints of grapefruit zest and green peppercorn. Pure and delicate flavours of lime juice, lemon and pink grapefruit are entwined with fine lime acidity and river pebble minerality, creating a textural mouthfeel and a subtly textured finish.

### 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

A moderately wet winter combined with average spring conditions meant that vines grew well in the mild weather. Ideal flowering conditions in late spring/early summer lead to the potential for near-average yields. Late December became warm and dry and assured for healthy canopies with low disease pressure. The summer months of January and February were typically hot and dry but extreme heat periods were shorter than in recent memory, characterised instead by well above-average overnight temperatures. The old-vine vineyards coped well with the warm nights, their deep roots able to withstand the warming and drying effect on the topsoil, maturing the balanced crops as autumn approached. March and April provided the light and warmth to the Eden Valley which lead to full and balanced maturity being achieved across all grape varieties. With warm sunny days and cool nights, the dry autumn guaranteed that pristinely-healthy grapes arrived in the fermenters. All in all, the 2018 vintage will be considered a standout of this decade. Shiraz is certainly one of the highlights of the season, fittingly so in the year we celebrated our 150th anniversary of family winemaking.

### ACCOLADES

2018 The Drinks Business Global Riesling Masters - Gold Medal

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage,  
20+ years (from vintage).

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