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Cyril Henschke Cabernet Sauvignon 1996

Grape Variety

60% cabernet sauvignon, 20% merlot and 20% cabernet franc grown on the Henschke Eden Valley vineyard.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: Mid-late April | *Alcohol:* 14.3% | *pH:* 3.41 | *Acidity:* 6.3g/L

Maturation

Matured in new and seasoned French hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling.

Background

This wine carries the name of Stephen's father, Cyril Henschke (1924-1979), as a tribute to one of Australia's outstanding winemaking pioneers, renowned for old-vine single-vineyard and quality varietal table wines. Cyril planted cabernet sauvignon at Henschke's Eden Valley vineyard in the 1960s.

Vintage Description

The 1996 vintage was preceded by a welcome average winter rainfall after two drought years. A mild spring with excellent flowering conditions and a mild, cool but windy summer allowed for above average yields. A cool, dry autumn provided an exceptionally long, slow ripening period with very good flavour development and quality.

Wine Description

Deep crimson with brick red hues. Complex, savoury aromas of tar, cedar and leather are supported by sweet cassis, chocolate and scented violet nuances. Beautiful layers of ripe dark fruits and dried spices are complimented by a creamy texture and elegant fine-grained tannins for a lingering finish.

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Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage,
20+ years (from vintage).