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Cyril Henschke Cabernet Sauvignon 1995

Grape Variety

70% cabernet sauvignon, 16% merlot and 14% cabernet franc grapes grown on Henschke's Eden Valley vineyard.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 10 March | Alcohol: 13.5% | pH: 3.37 | Acidity: 6.3g/L

Maturation

Matured in new French hogsheads for 21 months prior to blending and bottling.

Background

This wine carries the name of Stephen's father, Cyril Henschke (1942-1979), as a tribute to one of Australia's outstanding winemaking pioneers, renowned for the production of varietal table wines with an accent on quality and flavour. Cyril planted cabernet sauvignon at Henschke's Eden Valley vineyard in the 1960s.

Vintage Description

The 1995 vintage saw a culmination of two drought winters, record severe frosts, poor fruit set and a hot dry summer which set the scene for a borderline disaster. A warm, dry January and February combined with low crop levels brought on an all-to-early harvest. The coldest March on record with ripening halted for two to three weeks allowed fruit to develop more flavour and intensity. Fortunately, the weather remained dry and cold nights retained the natural acidity in the fruit. A warmer April gave rise to good colour and quality.

Wine Description

Deep crimson with brick red hues. Sweet aromas of cassis and dark plum with delicate violet florals and cedar nuances. The palate is rich and complex with layers of savoury tannins, good acidity and a long and luscious finish.

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Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage,
20+ years (from vintage).
Ideal to drink now.

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