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Cyril Henschke Cabernet Sauvignon 1993

Grape Variety

85% cabernet sauvignon, 8% cabernet franc and 7% merlot grown in the Henschke Eden Valley estate vineyard.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 6 May | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.77 | Acidity: 6.8g/L

Maturation

Matured in new French Nevers and American oak hogsheads for 15 months prior to blending and bottling.

Background

The cabernet sauvignon label carries the name Cyril Henschke (1924-1979) as a tribute to one of Australia's outstanding winemaking pioneers, renowned for the production of varietal table wines, with the accent on quality and flavour. Cyril Henschke planted cabernet sauvignon at Eden Valley in the 1960s.

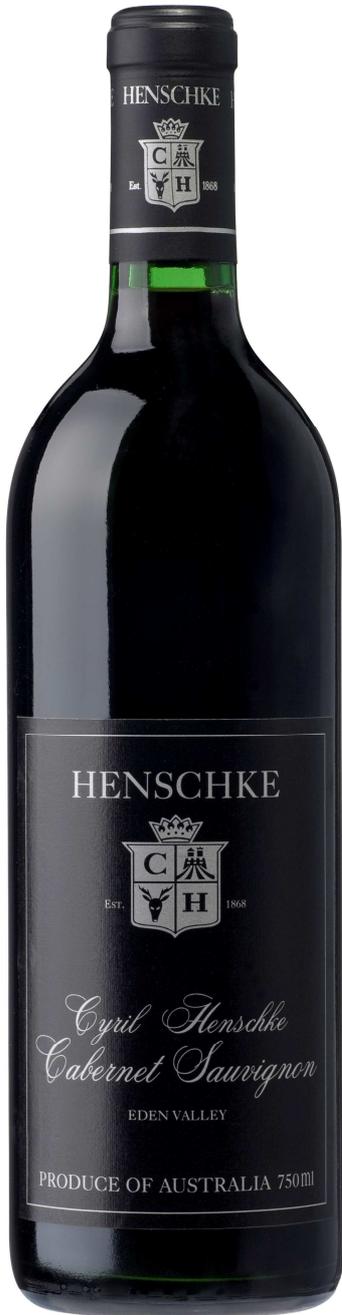
Vintage Description

The wines from 1993, our 125th vintage, experienced a very difficult start to the season. 51% of the annual rainfall fell during September to December 1992, thus being our wettest year since 1851 and the recorded wettest December for 26 years. Spring weather was unpredictable and not particularly conducive to flowering or berry set. Enormous problems occurred due to very heavy rainfalls and flooding during these months. Vintage was about a month late due to the dry, mild to cool temperatures during summer. February was the coolest since 1954. In general, the 1993 wines were very good to excellent with good concentration of colour and flavour.

Wine Description

Deep red with brick red hues. A complex nose still showing primary fruit characters of plum skin and dark cassis supported by notes of dried basil and cigar box. The bouquet is mirrored on the palate with plums, blackcurrants and mulberry pith accented with cigar box. Texturally, the palate is velvety smooth with excellent weight and length. Drinking beautifully.

Reviewed May 2010



Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,
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