

WINE and VINTAGE: Cyril Henschke Commemorative Release Cabernet Sauvignon 1978

GRAPE VARIETY: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon grown in Eden valley and Barossa Valley.

HISTORY: Cyril Henschke, 1924-1979, was one of Australia's outstanding winemakers and a pioneer in the production of varietal table wines, with the accent on quality and flavour. This first 100% Cabernet Sauvignon to be released by Henschke, and chosen to honour the memory of Cyril Henschke. In 1970 Cyril Henschke became the first Australian winemaker to be awarded a Churchill Fellowship.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION: A dry season, low yields and high quality. An exceptional vintage for red wines.

WINE DESCRIPTION: Tightly knit, sweet fruit aromas of blackcurrant, tea leaf and violets, with developed complex overtones of leather and cedar. Warm sweet violet flavours on the palate are interwoven with cedar leafy characters, fine grained tannins finishing with fruit sweetness and length.

SHOW AWARDS: Gold Medal 1978 Melbourne Class 15  
Gold Medal 1979 Adelaide Class 49  
Pat Browne Trophy 1979 Adelaide for Best Commercial Burgundy.

QUALITY ASSURANCE: This wine was assessed, recorked and recapsuled under the supervision of Andrew Caillard, MW, of Langtons and Stephen Henschke, winemaker of C. A. Henschke & Co.

CELLARING POTENTIAL: Exceptional vintage, drink now. Decant before serving.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS: Lamb, veal, beef, game and matured cheeses.

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