



# HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



## 2022 KEYNETON EUPHONIUM

### GRAPE VARIETY

59% shiraz, 33% cabernet sauvignon, 6% cabernet franc and 2% merlot grown in the Barossa (60% Eden Valley and 40% Barossa Valley).

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 22 March – 3 May | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.41 | Acidity: 6.2g/L

### MATURATION

Matured in 20% new French oak hogsheads, and 80% seasoned French and American oak hogsheads for 20 months prior to blending and bottling.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep crimson with ruby hues. Intensely perfumed aromas of raspberry, blackberry, black plum, violets and almond blossom, with nuances of bay leaf, vanilla pod, black pepper and dried herbs. The palate leads with dark forest fruits, supported by baking spice, sage and Dutch cocoa, balanced by fine-grained tannins and refreshing acidity for a long, lingering finish.

### BACKGROUND

Keyneton Euphonium is a beautiful composition of shiraz from up to 50-year-old vines growing in the Eden and Barossa Valleys, blended with cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and merlot from selected vineyards in both regions. The Barossa hills village of Keyneton, established by pastoralist Joseph Keynes in 1842, was a musical and cultural focus for the community, and home to the Henschke Family Brass Band and Henschke Winery. The band was founded in 1888 by second-generation Paul Gotthard Henschke and later led by third-generation Paul Alfred Henschke, featuring wonderful wind instruments such as a B flat euphonium, cornet and E flat clarinet. The B flat euphonium was produced by the famous Zimmermann factory in Leipzig, Germany, in the late 19th century. The instruments were imported by musical entrepreneur, Carl Engel of Adelaide in the late 1800s and have been lovingly restored to remain in the care of the Henschke family.

### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Above average 2021 winter rainfall helped to refill soil profiles and the cool, slow start to the growing season resulted in budburst occurring slightly later than average. A frost event occurred on 11 October, followed by an extreme hail event on 28 October, and the cold and wet weather in mid-November coincided with flowering, which impacted fruit-set and potential yields. December and January provided a burst of summer heat, however at the beginning of vintage another severe weather event dealt a deluge of rain and even more hail to some parts of the region. While mild and dry conditions followed, the cumulative impacts of the season's weather events resulted in lower yields across the region. The 2022 wines show great aromatics, balance of acidity and a bright core of flavour.

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage;  
25+ years (from vintage).

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