



# HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



## 2006 TAPPA PASS

### GRAPE VARIETY

100% shiraz from old, low-yielding vines grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley regions).

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 14 March – 6 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.55 | Acidity: 6.3g/L

### MATURATION

Matured in 77% new and 23% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 20 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep crimson with ruby hues. Bright, lifted aromas of blueberry, black plum and blackberry alongside complex notes of clove, roasted parsnips, cedar, pepper, cooking spice, leather and black olive tapenade. A generous palate of black forest cake, cherry, mocha, black tea, brown spices and cedar are complemented by umami soy notes. Rounded velvety tannins lead to a vibrant spicy finish.

### BACKGROUND

The Barossa has a core of traditional growers of German Silesian descent, dating back six generations, staunchly continuing the traditions of their forebears. Occasionally one or two parcels of fruit of overwhelming quality come over the weighbridge; this is such an example. This wine is sourced from old, low-yielding shiraz vines from a selection of historical grower vineyards at Tappa Pass and Light Pass, growing in low-fertility Neoproterozoic soils more than 542 million years old, that range from red-brown earths to terra rossa. These vineyards provide shiraz fruit from both the Eden and Barossa Valleys of the Barossa zone, vinified in traditional open-top fermenters.

### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Winter and spring rains were some of the best for years in the lead up to flowering. Some varieties, including shiraz, were impacted by poor set leading to lower yields. Summer was mild with southerly winds, reminiscent of 2002. Brief heatwaves in the new year were early enough not to affect quality, with only minor sunburn on exposed fruit. Harvest was one of the earliest on record and delivered excellent quality fruit.

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;  
Drink now - 2040+

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