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2006 JULIUS

GRAPE VARIETY

100% riesling grown on the Henschke Eden Valley Vineyard, managed with organic and biodynamic practices.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 15 – 30 March | Alcohol: 12.5% | pH: 2.99 | Acidity: 7.4g/L

MATURATION

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage to preserve the delicate aromatic fruit characters. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale gold with gold hues. Complex aromas of chamomile, jasmine, clover and citrus blossom, interwoven with honeysuckle, lemon myrtle and lime marmalade on buttered toast. The palate is rich and textured with pink grapefruit pith, lemon curd, lemon myrtle, lime zest and lime marmalade development from bottle age, leading to a refined mid-palate of bright, mouthwatering acidity and a pure and long finish.

BACKGROUND

Fourth-generation winemaker, Cyril developed the Henschke reputation for premium Eden Valley riesling from 1961. This region provides ideal ripening conditions for riesling and a unique track record of exceptional ageing potential. The Henschke Eden Valley riesling vineyard is planted on sandy loam over gravel and bedrock with patches of clay. Since 1992, this wine has been named as a tribute to ancestor Albert Julius Henschke (1888-1955), a highly acclaimed artist and sculptor. Julius was recognised for his ornate headstones and angel sculptures at the Gnadenberg Cemetery, as well as his most celebrated work, the inspiring National War Memorial on North Terrace in Adelaide.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2006 vintage shaped up as another high-quality year, but with only average yields. Winter and spring rains were some of the best for years in the lead-up to flowering, although some varieties such as riesling and shiraz suffered more than others from poor set. While there was some frost damage, this only had a minor impact on the overall yield. Summer was mild with brief heat waves that were early enough not to affect quality.

DRINKING WINDOW

Exceptional vintage; drink now - 2035+

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