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2022 CYRIL HENSCHKE

GRAPE VARIETY

100% cabernet sauvignon grown on the Cyril Henschke Vineyard on the Henschke Eden Valley property, managed with organic and biodynamic practices.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 27 – 28 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.48 | Acidity: 6.1g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 5% new and 95% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 20 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep crimson with ruby hues. Spicy, fragrant aromas of blackberry, blackcurrant, tamarillo and violets are lifted by nuances of cassis, cocoa, black licorice and crushed flowering herbs. An alluring core of concentrated black fruits is framed by cedar, clove, star anise and black olive, with focused acidity and fine-grained tannins driving a long, powerful finish.

BACKGROUND

This wine carries the name of Stephen's father, fourth-generation Henschke winemaker, Cyril; a tribute to one of Australia's outstanding winemaking pioneers, who was renowned for old-vine, single-vineyard and quality varietal table wines. Cyril planted cabernet sauvignon at the Henschke Eden Valley property in the late 1960s. The cabernet sauvignon vines, along with cabernet franc and merlot, are planted on a north facing slope, and are managed with organic and biodynamic practices. First produced as a single-vineyard wine in 1978, Cyril Henschke Cabernet Sauvignon celebrates the incredible beauty that emerges from the vibrant rows of this Eden Valley vineyard, revered for its texture, depth, complexity and fine-grained tannins.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The winter of 2021 brought good rainfall, refilling soil profiles, and the cool, slow start to the growing season resulted in budburst occurring two weeks later than average. An extreme hail event on 28 October decimated the young shoot growth across our vineyards in Keyneton, significantly reducing crop potential. Late flowering (late November to early December) avoided the cold and windy conditions, resulting in good fruit set, albeit with smaller yields. A burst of summer heat, without extremes, supported berry development and balanced canopy growth. Welcome rain in late January occurred just before veraison and ripening, leading into a mild and dry finish to summer. The 2022 vintage was late, with harvest dates one to two weeks later than the historical average. The resulting wines speak faithfully of their place, with elegance, distinction and enduring beauty. Reminiscent of the high-quality vintages of 1991, 1999, 2005, 2006, 2010 and 2015, the 2022 single-vineyard wines show wonderful ageing potential and will reward long-term cellaring under ideal conditions.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage;
30+ years (from vintage).

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