



# HENSCHKE

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## 2022 HILL OF ROSES

### GRAPE VARIETY

100% 33-year-old shiraz grown on one single block at the Henschke Hill of Grace Vineyard in the Eden Valley wine region, managed with organic and biodynamic practices.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 4 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.45 | Acidity: 5.7g/L

### MATURATION

Matured in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 20 months prior to blending and bottling.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep ruby with purple hues. Beautifully fragrant aromas of boysenberry, blueberry and blackberry are interwoven with pink and black peppercorn, five-spice, bay leaf, anise and sandalwood. The palate is bright and finely structured, offering raspberry, mulberry and black cherry, with dark spice notes, graphite and cedar, supported by bright acidity for a long, seamless finish.

### BACKGROUND

Hill of Roses is named as a tribute to Johann Gottlieb Rosenzweig (translating from German to 'rose twig'), a member of the early Barossa Lutheran community who settled at Parrot Hill in the Eden Valley. Their toil, perseverance and conservatism in hardship has meant that the many generations that followed have rejoiced in the riches of those efforts. This wine is produced from a small selection of low-yielding shiraz vines from the Hill of Grace Vineyard, planted as a nursery block in 1989. The planting is known as the 'Post Office Block' after the historic Parrot Hill Post Office ruins overlooking the vineyard. These vines were a mere 12 years old when the wine was first produced in 2001 and at present are too young to be considered for inclusion in the Hill of Grace vintages. As per the Barossa Old Vine Charter, an 'old vine' is equal to or greater than 35 years of age. The quality of the grapes from this selection, however, has produced a wine that has warranted a separate bottling and limited release.

### 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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