



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2023 MARBLE ANGEL

GRAPE VARIETY

100% cabernet sauvignon grown at Light Pass in the Barossa Valley, planted in the early to mid-1970s.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 27 March | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.53 | Acidity: 6.2g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 13% new and 87% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 17 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep ruby with crimson hues. Alluring aromas of blackcurrant, dark cherry, violet and black pepper with subtle notes of cedar, sandalwood and tomato leaf. A finely structured palate reveals layers of dark red fruits framed by cassis, roasted hazelnut, Dutch cocoa, dried thyme and bay leaf, carrying through to an exceptionally long, fine tannin finish.

BACKGROUND

The Barossa has been home to grapegrowing and winemaking families for six generations. Stephen's great-uncle Julius Henschke grew up at the family winery, and in his adult years became a renowned craftsman, artist and sculptor. Julius was recognised for 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. His Angel of Compassion and Duty sculptures are acclaimed across the country. Julius' craft focused on the most pristine white Angaston marble quarried near to the cabernet sauvignon at Light Pass, planted on ancient red clay and limestone soil, which brings out the exquisite flavour and structure in the wine.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

By late winter of 2022 the soil profiles had been refilled with well above average rainfall, which continued throughout spring. Shoot thinning during the growing season to open up the canopy helped to overcome disease pressure. Dry and cool conditions in December continued throughout summer, causing late flowering and impacting fruit set. Light rain events in autumn resulted in a slower ripening period in the lead up to harvest, which provided great flavour development and acid retention. Despite the challenges of the season, yields were above average with larger berry size compensating for the poor set. The 2023 vintage will be remembered for excellent quality wines with fruit purity, good structure, mature tannins and great length.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;
20+ years (from vintage).

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