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2016 KEYNETON EUPHONIUM

GRAPE VARIETY

57% shiraz, 30% cabernet sauvignon, 7% merlot and 6% cabernet franc grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley regions).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 26 February - 14 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.58 | Acidity: 6.36g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 13% new and 87% seasoned (71% French, 29% American) oak hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep garnet with ruby hues. Alluring aromas of morello cherry and blackberry unfold with notes of black pepper, liquorice, cedar and baking spice. The palate is defined and poised with plum, blackcurrant, cassis and leather, framed by fine, chalky tannins and bright acidity for a long, savoury finish.

BACKGROUND

Keyneton Euphonium is a beautiful composition of shiraz from up to 50-year-old vines growing in the Eden and Barossa Valleys, blended with cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc from selected vineyards in both regions. The Barossa hills village of Keyneton, established by pastoralist Joseph Keynes in 1842, was a musical and cultural focus for the community, and home to the Henschke Family Brass Band and Henschke Winery. The band was founded in 1888 by second-generation Paul Gotthard Henschke and later led by third-generation Paul Alfred Henschke, featuring wonderful wind instruments such as a B flat euphonium, cornet and E flat clarinet. The B flat euphonium was produced by the famous Zimmermann factory in Leipzig, Germany, in the late 19th century. The instruments were imported by musical entrepreneur, Carl Engel of Adelaide in the late 1800s and have been lovingly restored to remain in the care of the Henschke family.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2016 vintage began with below-average winter rainfall, followed by a warm and dry spring, which enhanced flowering and fruit set. Low disease pressure was maintained by one of the hottest Decembers on record, though temperatures cooled in the New Year and rainfall around veraison in late January brought relief to the vineyard. This was followed by further rainfall in early March, which eased stress on all varieties. Open, light canopies allowed for good flavour, sugar and colour, and mature tannins to develop at harvest, with the vintage overall characterised by average yields but very high quality.

ACCOLADES

Silver Medal – 2021 International Wine Challenge (IWC)

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