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2017 HILL OF PEACE

GRAPE VARIETY

100% semillon planted by fourth-generation Louis Henschke in 1952 on the Henschke Hill of Grace Vineyard in the Eden Valley wine region, managed with organic and biodynamic practices.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 14 March | Alcohol: 12% | pH: 3.19 | Acidity: 6.69g/L

MATURATION

Fermented and matured in seasoned French oak hogsheads for 7 months prior to bottling. Bottle-aged prior to release to develop further complexity and balance.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale lemon with green hues. Delicate, floral aromas of clover blossom, chamomile and honeysuckle are interwoven with lime zest, grapefruit, beeswax and ginger spice. A defined and poised palate of fresh citrus is layered with honey, toasted almond and shortcrust pastry, framed by bright acidity driving a long, pure and youthful finish.

BACKGROUND

Hill of Peace is named as a tribute to the early Barossa Silesian community who settled at historic 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 prudent efforts. This wine is just one of those blessings. The semillon vineyard lies across from the Gnadenberg ('Hill of Grace') Church and Cemetery. This single-vineyard wine is produced from low-yielding semillon vines planted in 1952 by fourth-generation grower Louis Henschke, on shallow red-brown earths in the Hill of Grace Vineyard. The quality of the fruit has produced a single-vineyard wine with unique site expression, which was carefully matured in French oak before its limited release.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

A wet winter refilled the soil profile and a cool, wet and windy spring followed, with slightly higher rainfall than the Barossa Valley, which delayed flowering, though conditions during fruit set meant yields were at average levels. A mild summer with regular rainfall events followed, which allowed the grapes to reach full maturity. Significant rainfall events largely missed Eden Valley and the majority of grapes were harvested in healthy condition. Careful handpicking in the vineyard and grape sorting during processing ensured quality was not compromised. The 2017 vintage will be recognised for wines of incredible depth, purity and vitality.

DRINKING WINDOW

Exceptional vintage;
drink now to 2050+.

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