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2004 LOUIS

GRAPE VARIETY

100% semillon grown on the Henschke Eden Valley Vineyard, managed with organic practices.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 20 – 26 April | Alcohol: 12.7% | pH: 3.01 | Acidity: 6.9g/L

MATURATION

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage to preserve the aromatic fruit characters. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale gold with green hues. Fragrant aromas of orange blossom, bergamot and green apple, with nuances of honeycomb and fresh-cut straw. A rich and textural palate of lemon butter and citrus is woven through tarragon, lemon balm and chamomile, with vibrant acidity driving a long finish.

BACKGROUND

Fourth-generation winemaker Cyril Henschke produced semillon from family-owned vineyards around the Keyneton region from the 1960s. The Louis Semillon is a selection from over 50-year-old vines planted by Cyril in 1968 on the Henschke Eden Valley Vineyard. Since 1995, this wine has been named as a tribute to Cyril's brother, Louis Edmund Henschke (1919-1990), the fourth-generation grower of the Hill of Grace Vineyard.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Average winter rainfall provided a welcome relief after the fourth-worst drought in history in 2003. A relatively frost-free, wet, warm and thundery spring followed, creating a natural 'greenhouse' effect. The vines grew vigorously, flowered and generally set a large crop. December was the hottest for 10 years; however, at the start of 2004 the weather became mild and windy and the vines thrived under virtually no heat stress. At the start of February searing heat caused sunburn and significant crop losses. New records were broken, with South Australia experiencing its hottest day ever. Fortunately March returned the region to glorious sunny days and cold, dewy nights, with a couple of minor rain events, allowing the fruit to ripen under near-perfect conditions. The vintage was almost as late as 2002, with good yields and fruit quality.

DRINKING WINDOW

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