



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2017 GEORGE 5TH

GRAPE VARIETY

100% single-vineyard grenache grown in the Barossa Valley.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 19 April | Alcohol: 15% | pH: 3.5 | Acidity: 5.49g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 10 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale garnet with ruby hues. Lifted aromas of lavender are complemented by raspberry, red cherry and rhubarb, with underlying notes of crushed flowering herbs, clove, white pepper, dark cocoa and liquorice. A supple palate of rich red fruits is framed by fine, layered tannins and bright acidity for a long finish.

BACKGROUND

Georg Heidenreich was ordained as a pastor in Hanover in 1866, in the presence of George V and the Royal Family. Later that year, Georg and his wife, Anna, arrived at Port Adelaide and went on to establish their home at Bethany, in the Barossa Valley. Subsequent generations settled in nearby Vine Vale, on the deep sands of the North Para River, where they planted the now 80-year-old bush-vine grenache, which thrives in this environment, producing a wine of exemplary fragrance, elegance and lithe tannins.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

A wet winter refilled the soil profile, followed by a cool, wet and windy spring with temperatures approximately 2°C below average. Wet soils combined with cooler temperatures resulted in slow shoot development; however, the lack of stress in the vines meant that the flowers developed well. Favourable weather during flowering resulted in good fruit set. A mild summer with regular rainfall events followed, which allowed the grapes to reach full maturity. The significant rainfall events largely missed the Barossa Valley and the fruit was harvested in healthy condition. Careful sorting of grapes at the winery as they were crushed ensured that quality was not compromised. 2017 was a classic vintage, with well-balanced wines exhibiting beautiful fragrance, spice, purity and elegance.

DRINKING WINDOW

Exceptional vintage;
drink now to 2035+.

REVIEWED May 2026