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Cyril Henschke Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

Grape Variety

87% cabernet sauvignon and 13% merlot grown in the Henschke Eden Valley estate vineyard.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 24 April-2 May | Alcohol: 14% | pH: 3.56 | Acidity: 6.4g/L

Maturation

Matured in new French hogsheads for 21 months prior to blending and bottling.

Background

The cabernet sauvignon label carries the name Cyril Henschke (1924-1979) as a tribute to one of Australia's outstanding winemaking pioneers, renowned for the production of varietal table wines, with the accent on quality and flavor. Cyril Henschke planted cabernet sauvignon at Eden Valley in the 1960s.

Vintage Description

The 2006 vintage shaped up as another high quality year but with only average yields in the Eden Valley and Adelaide Hills. After a late break in mid-June 2005, winter and spring rains were some of the best for years in the lead-up to flowering in early summer. Some varieties, such as riesling and shiraz, suffered more than others from poor set, leading to 'hen and chicken'. While there was some damage in Eden Valley from frost, this had only a minor impact on the overall yield; however, yields in most varieties were down by 15-20%.

The summer was mild with southerly winds, reminiscent of 2002. Brief heat waves occurred in late January and mid-February but were early enough not to affect quality, with only minor sunburn on exposed fruit.

Wine Description

Very deep opaque crimson in colour. A complex nose showing sweet, lifted aromas of red currants, plums, tobacco and violets with cedar, cigar box and anise notes. The elegantly layered palate shows mulberry and sage oil flavours with good acidity and structure that adds finesse to the fine-grained tannins on the long finish.



Cellaring Potential

Great vintage,
20+ years (from vintage)