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2016 HENRY'S SEVEN

GRAPE VARIETY

66% shiraz, 15% grenache, 10% mataro and 9% viognier grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley regions).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 8 March - 12 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.52 | Acidity: 6.02g/L

MATURATION

The viognier was co-fermented with shiraz, while the grenache and mataro were fermented separately. 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

Medium garnet with crimson hues. Attractive aromas of blackberry and raspberry are lifted by violets, sage, liquorice, anise, black pepper, leather and earthy complexity. A supple, elegant palate of dark berry fruits flows into spiced plum, with bright acidity and fine, silky tannins culminating in a long, poised finish.

BACKGROUND

This shiraz, grenache, mataro and viognier blend is a tribute to Henry Evans who planted the first vineyard of seven acres at Keyneton in 1853. He quickly developed a reputation for producing the best wines in the southern colony. Following Henry's death in 1868, his widow Sarah exercised her temperance convictions by closing the winery and uprooting all of the wine grapes. This blend highlights the historical introduction of southern French and Spanish varieties to South Australia in those early days of viticulture and reflects the history, religion and culture of the Barossa.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2016 vintage began with well 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 vineyards. This was followed by further rainfall in early March, with an earlier harvest as predicted due to an early Easter. Open, light vine 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

2019 Texsom International Wine Awards USA - Gold Medal
2019 Sommelier Wine Awards UK - Gold Medal

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