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2013 HENRY'S SEVEN

GRAPE VARIETY

60% shiraz, 26% grenache, 7% mataro and 7% viognier grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley regions).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 12 - 19 April | Alcohol: 14% | pH: 3.58 | Acidity: 6.59g/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

Deep ruby with garnet hues. Intense and evocative aromas of red cherry, plum, mulberry and redcurrant over hints of violet, anise, cassis and crushed flowering herbs. The palate is bright and refreshing with ripe blackberry, blueberry and black cherry notes, balanced by savoury spices, earth and leather. Bright, fresh acidity leads to a long, seamless 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

A dry winter and spring, followed by an early onset of summer, with occasional thunderstorms and only four heat spikes. A cooler than average January, followed by a warm February brought an early vintage. A desperately needed 16mm of rain came at the beginning of March, the first for nearly six months, to help the dry-grown vines reach full maturity. March saw almost weekly cycles of hot and cold, but the Indian summer conditions in early April provided average yields and excellent quality.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;
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