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OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



1994 HILL OF GRACE

GRAPE VARIETY

100% shiraz from pre-phylloxera material brought from Europe in the mid-1800s and grown on the Henschke Hill of Grace Vineyard in the Eden Valley wine region, managed with organic practices.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 27 March – 3 April | Alcohol: 14.1% | pH: 3.28 | Acidity: 7.0g/L

MATURATION

Matured in new American and French oak hogsheads prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

DESCRIPTION

Pale garnet with tawny hues. Enchanting aromas of black cherry, plum and blackberry are woven with bay leaf, mace, anise, sandalwood, black pepper and leather. Complex flavours of dark plum, cocoa, cinnamon and black olive build across the palate, supported by refreshing acidity and fine, velvety tannins, delivering balance, purity and elegance.

BACKGROUND

Over 180 years ago, Johann Christian Henschke came from Silesia to settle and build his farm in the Eden Valley region. By the time third-generation Paul Alfred Henschke took over the reins in 1914, the now famed Hill of Grace vines were more than 50 years old. The original vines, known as the 'Grandfathers', were planted around 1860 by an ancestor, Nicolaus Stanitzki, in rich alluvial soil in a shallow fertile valley just north-west of the Henschke family winery. The red-brown earth grading to deep silty loam has excellent moisture-holding capacity for these low-yielding vines, that sit at an altitude of 400m, with an average rainfall of 520mm. Hill of Grace is a unique, delineated, historic single vineyard that lies opposite a beautiful old Lutheran church, which is named after a region in Silesia known as Gnadenberg, translating to 'Hill of Grace'. Cyril Henschke made the first single-vineyard shiraz wine from this vineyard in 1958 from handpicked grapes vinified in traditional open-top fermenters. The original Ancestors (vines over 125 years) are now approximately 160 years old and remain the heart of the Hill of Grace wine, along with a small selection of Centenarians (vines over 100 years), Survivors (vines over 70 years), and Old Vines (vines over 35 years), all planted on their own roots.

DRINKING WINDOW

Exceptional vintage;
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VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Due to a mild, dry summer there was quite a late, slow start to the 1994 vintage. March temperatures were mild to high, which had a dramatic effect, causing everything to ripen at once. The fruit quality was fantastic, with below average yields and exceptional colours, flavours and acid balance in the reds. The 1994 vintage was one of our best years on record.