



# HENSCHKE

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## 2015 HILL OF ROSES

### GRAPE VARIETY

100% shiraz grown on the Hill of Grace vineyard in the Eden Valley wine region, using organic and biodynamic practices.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 17 March | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.44 | Acidity: 6.4g/L

### MATURATION

Matured in 55% new and 45% seasoned French hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Bright garnet with crimson hues. Captivating aromas of black and red forest fruits; blackberry and mulberry entwine with lifted exotic spice, black pepper, thyme, sage and bay leaf, with hints of fennel and Dutch liquorice. Concentrated and complex flavours of black currant, spicy wild berries and supple red fruits are beautifully balanced with layers of fine, silky tannins and bright acidity, for a deliciously lush and succulent finish.

### BACKGROUND

This wine is named as a tribute to Johann Gottlieb Rosenzweig, one of the early Barossa Lutheran pioneers who settled at Parrot Hill in the Eden Valley. Their toil, perseverance and conservatism in hardship has meant the many generations that followed have rejoiced in the riches of those efforts. The wine was produced from a small selection of low-yielding, dry-grown shiraz vines from the Hill of Grace vineyard, named the Post Office block, that were 26 years old at the time of picking and therefore considered too young for inclusion into Hill of Grace Shiraz. The quality of the grapes however, continue to warrant a separate bottling and limited release. The Post Office ruins are on the land that was previously Rosenzweig property, the Rosenzweig name translating from German to 'rose twig'.

### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

A traditionally wet winter, mild spring and excellent fruit set provided a great start to the 2015 vintage after four vintages with below average yields. Spring was dry and led into a very mild, dry summer with no disease, resulting in fruit with higher natural acidity, and incredible flavour and colour concentration. A dry, warm and windy start to January, however, resulted in one of the worst bushfires in the Adelaide Hills in living memory, though well away from our Lenswood vineyards. By the end of the first week, relief came with 60-75mm of rain and a record-breaking coolest January in 11 years. With the onset of veraison at the end of January, the rain was perfectly timed for the old dry-grown vineyards, and the mild weather that followed from February through to April provided for a fairytale vintage. The 2015 vintage has provided stunning and elegant shiraz from Eden Valley, that show extraordinary flavour, purity of fruit and acid balance with the potential for excellent ageing.

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage,  
30+ years (from vintage).

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