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Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

Keyneton Estate Euphonium 2006 (Cellar Release)

Grape Variety

55% shiraz, 27% cabernet sauvignon, 9% cabernet franc and 8% merlot grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley).

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 13 March-6 May | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.51 | Acidity: 6.5g/L

Maturation

Matured in new and seasoned French and American oak hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling.

Background

The Barossa hills village of Keyneton, pioneered by pastoralist Joseph Keynes in 1842, was a musical and cultural focus for the early settlers, and was home to the Henschke Family Brass Band and the Henschke winery. The Henschke Family Band was founded in 1888 by Paul Gotthard Henschke and later led by third-generation Paul Alfred Henschke, and featured wonderful wind instruments such as a B flat euphonium, cornet and E flat clarinet. The B flat euphonium, a large brass wind instrument, was made by the famous Zimmermann factory in Leipzig, Germany, in the late 19th century. The instruments were imported by musical entrepreneur Carl Engel of Adelaide in the late 1900s and have been lovingly restored and remain in the Henschke family.

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. Whites were nearly all picked by the end of March, an unusual situation.

Wine Description

Deep red with garnet hues. Lifted aromas of blackberry, plum and mulberry with pepper berry, cassis, herbals, and complexity from leather and earth notes and cedary oak support. A juicy, plush palate of blackberry and blackcurrant with defined fruit weight and layers of anise spice and smoked meats, balanced by a fresh acid line and long, velvety tannins.

Updated description per June 2021 tasting.



Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,
20+ years (from vintage).

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