



HENSCHKE

150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2013 THE ROSE GROWER

GRAPE VARIETY

99% nebbiolo and 1% barbera grown on the Henschke Eden Valley vineyard.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 19 April - 10 May | Alcohol: 12.5% | pH: 3.77 | Acidity: 6.05g/L

MATURATION

The nebbiolo is co-fermented with barbera for added complexity; matured in seasoned French hogsheads for 12 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Garnet with ruby hues. Complex, lifted aromas of cherry stone, wild berry and liquorice, with dried rosemary, tobacco nuances and underlying notes of rosehip and dried orange peel. Bright red cherry and red currant flavours move subtly through layers of vibrant acidity and fine-grained savoury tannins, for a long and elegant finish.

BACKGROUND

The nebbiolo grape originated in the Piedmont region of north-west Italy and is best known as the variety of Barolo and Barbaresco. It is believed that the name nebbiolo is derived from the Italian word *nebbia*, meaning fog. The Henschke nebbiolo vines have been planted on rocky soils on an elevated foggy north facing slope at the source of the North Para River, at the top of the range overlooking the village of Eden Valley. The wine is named after the pioneering Roesler family, who managed the property as a dairy for generations. In the German language, Roesler is an occupational name for 'rose grower'.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The lead-up to the 2013 vintage saw an early onset of summer, with occasional thunderstorms and only four heat spikes, into the 40s, over summer. A cooler than average January followed by a warm February, brought the predicted early vintage even further forward. Even after the *dry-fecta* of winter/spring/summer the word from the winery floor was that it would be another great Eden Valley riesling year, followed up with some great old-vine shiraz. Fortunately, a desperately needed 16mm of rain came, the first for nearly six months, at the beginning of March to help the dry-grown vines struggle through to full maturity. The roller-coaster weather ride continued through March with almost weekly cycles of hot and cold. Cool drizzly weather at the end of March nearly brought the harvest to a halt, but with a return to the Indian summer conditions in early April, it gave us a chance to get the late varieties in Eden Valley over the line, predominantly cabernet sauvignon and merlot, returning us to another great vintage of average yields and fabulous rock solid quality.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage,
15+ years (from vintage).

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