



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



1998 KEYNETON ESTATE

GRAPE VARIETY

65% shiraz, 30% cabernet sauvignon and 5% malbec grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley regions).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 3 April–5 May | Alcohol: 14% | pH: 3.39 | Acidity: 6.3g/L

MATURATION

Matured in new and seasoned French and American oak hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Medium garnet with tawny hues. Lifted aromas of spiced blackberry and plum are complemented by cassis, black pepper, bay leaf, crushed herbs, slate and hints of forest floor. A supple and textural palate of dark plum, olive tapenade, cocoa and leather is framed by silky tannins and balanced acidity, lingering through a long, savoury finish.

BACKGROUND

The Barossa hills village of Keyneton, established by pastoralist Joseph Keynes in 1842, was a musical and cultural focus for the community, and home to the Henschke Family Brass Band and Henschke Winery. The band was founded in 1888 by second-generation Paul Gotthard Henschke and later led by third-generation Paul Alfred Henschke, featuring wonderful wind instruments such as a B flat euphonium, cornet and E flat clarinet. The B flat euphonium was produced 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 1800s and have been lovingly restored to remain in the care of the Henschke family.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The preceding winter was unusually dry, with frosty nights and clear days. The rain instead came in spring, and the luxuriantly growing vines benefited from the greenhouse effect. The indicators were of a hot dry summer, although only a serious burst of heat was experienced in mid-January and again at the end of February; otherwise, it was a mild summer, which had a significant delaying effect on the ripening process. An early onset of autumn caused a late harvest, with average yields, good to exceptional quality and intense flavour in the grapes.

DRINKING WINDOW

Excellent vintage;
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