



# HENSCHKE

*Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards*

## Keyneton Euphonium 1998

### Grape Variety

65% shiraz, 30% cabernet sauvignon and 5% Malbec grown in the Barossa Valley and Eden Valley.

### 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.

### 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 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.

### Wine Description

Brick-red with crimson hues. An expressive nose of dark fruits, dried blueberries and cassis supported by smoky notes of cigar box and tobacco, with briary, earthy hints and a touch of spice and anise. The palate has great depth of flavour, beautiful complexity, layers of texture and gamey tannins. An absolutely stunning wine right in its drinking window.

### Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage, 25+ years (from vintage).

### Reviewed July 2017