

HENSCHKE



Tasting Notes

Wine and Vintage

Keyneton Estate 1996 *Shiraz Cabernet Merlot*

Grape Varieties

65% Shiraz, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot grapes grown in Eden Valley and the Barossa Valley.

History

Named as a tribute to an early English pioneer Joseph Keynes, who settled at Keyneton in 1842 and after whom the village was named. The estate blend exhibits complex fruit flavours and superb balance from the combination of low yielding, ungrafted dry grown varieties. Matured in new and seasoned American and French oak hogshead for 15 months.

Vintage Description

An average winter rainfall (after two drought years), a mild spring with excellent flowering conditions and dry, cool but windy summer allowing yields of up to 20% above average. The cooler conditions allowed for a long, slow ripening period and very good flavour development in the grapes.

Wine Description

Deep crimson colour, a sweet fragrant bouquet dominated by raspberries, blackberries and plums under pinned by layers of perfumed silky vanilla oak and coconut with hints of cedar and violets, quite complex on the palate, soft rich and fleshy, just slightly sappy, showing good acidity and a long palate finishing with gentle dusty fine tannins.

Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage, optimum year 2006

Serving Suggestions

Beef, game, veal, lamb, pork, quail and chicken.