

HENSCHKE



Tasting Notes

Wine and Vintage

Keyneton Estate Shiraz Cabernet Merlot Malbec 1995

Grape Varieties

71% shiraz, 21% cabernet sauvignon, 7% merlot and 1% malbec 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.

Background

The estate blend exhibits a complexity of fruit flavours and superb balance from the combination of these low yielding, ungrafted dry grown varieties. Matured in new and seasoned American and French oak hogsheads for 15 months, it will continue to develop well in the bottle.

Vintage Description

The adverse weather conditions, drought, frosts and a dry spring and summer reduced the crops of all varieties. Despite reduced yields of up to 30% - 40%, the 1995 vintage will be of high quality for both red and white wines.

Wine Description

Bright crimson in colour, sweet perfumed spicy plums and licorice with blackcurrant and chocolate Cabernet flavours and soft silky briary sappy hints of Merlot complexed by nuances of coconut, vanilla and balsam oak. A very pure fruits orientated wine showing a rich intense palate finishing with long firm tannins and balanced acidity. A more austere wine than the 1994 vintage reflecting the drought and low yields of 1995, and one which will reward time in the cellar.

Availability 750 ml and 375 ml.

Show Awards

Gold Medal 1996 Melbourne Class 22 - Runner up to Jimmy Watson Trophy

Cellaring Potential

Very good vintage, 20+ years

Serving Suggestions

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