



HENSCHKE

150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING

2015 ELEANOR'S COTTAGE



GRAPE VARIETY

60% sauvignon blanc and 40% semillon (92% from the Henschke Lenswood vineyard in the Adelaide Hills and 8% from the Henschke Eden Valley vineyard).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 12 February - 14 March | Alcohol: 12.5% | pH: 3.25 | Acidity: 6.0g/L

MATURATION

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage to preserve the aromatic fruit characters.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw with gold-green hues. Signature sauvignon blanc aromas of gooseberry, freshly cut passionfruit and white currant are supported by characteristic semillon notes of lemon grass and preserved lemon. The palate is soft yet concentrated, showing ripe gooseberry, white currant and passionfruit flavours, with great balance and texture, a ripe lime-like acidity and a beautiful finish.

BACKGROUND

The Henschke Eden Valley vineyard was originally established on the top of the range overlooking Eden Valley, a property pioneered and managed by George Crossman Thyer. In 1848 he married Eleanor Hill, after whom this wine is named, and their original cottage still exists today.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

A traditionally wet winter, mild spring and excellent fruit set provided a great start to the 2015 vintage after four vintages with below average yields. Spring was dry and led into a very mild, dry summer with no disease, resulting in fruit with higher natural acidity, and incredible flavour and colour concentration. A dry, warm and windy start to January, however, resulted in one of the worst bushfires in the Adelaide Hills in living memory, though well away from our Lenswood vineyards. By the end of the first week, relief came with 60-75mm of rain and a record-breaking coolest January in 11 years. With the onset of veraison at the end of January, the rain was perfectly timed for the old dry-grown vineyards, and the mild weather that followed from February through to April provided for a fairytale vintage. Most of our white varieties and some Eden Valley shiraz were in before Easter, moving on to the rest of our Eden Valley and Adelaide Hills red varieties soon after, and eventually winding down at the end of April as the rain and cooler temperatures set in. The 2015 vintage has provided stunning white varieties that show extraordinary flavour, purity of fruit and acid balance with the potential for excellent ageing.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage,
15+ years (from vintage).

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