



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2019 JULIUS RIESLING

GRAPE VARIETY

100% riesling grown in Eden Valley.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 5 - 14 March | Alcohol: 11.5% | pH: 2.98 | Acidity: 7.2g/L

MATURATION

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

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw with lime green hues. Lifted and fragrant aromas of citrus florals, frangipani, finger lime and kaffir lime leaf, with hints of bath salts and green peppercorn. Excellent flavour intensity showing concentrated citrus flavours of lime juice and Meyer lemon, supported by minerality and crispness for an incredibly long and dry finish.

BACKGROUND

Cyril Henschke developed the Henschke reputation for premium riesling wines as early as the 1950s from the vineyard areas of Eden Valley, Keyneton and Springton in the Eden Valley wine region. This region provides ideal ripening conditions for the riesling grape and has a unique track record of exceptional ageing potential for the variety. The Eden Valley riesling vineyard is planted on sandy loam over gravel and bedrock with patches of clay. This wine is named as a tribute to ancestor Julius Henschke, a famous craftsman and highly acclaimed artist and sculptor. Julius was recognised for his ornate headstones and angel sculptures at Gnadenberg Cemetery, as well as his most famous work, the inspiring War Memorial on North Terrace in Adelaide.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Vintage 2019 shaped up to be a challenging one, with below-average yields, however the quality was very high, with beautiful expressions of varietal character and generally good balance and structure. The hand-picked fruit that arrived at the winery in the cool of the morning was clean, with good concentrated flavours. A dry winter, spring and summer with warmer than average temperatures in January and February lead to the advancement of maturity of all grape varieties in the Eden Valley and an early onset of vintage. The later-ripening varieties, riesling and cabernet were standouts, however most varieties were of a very high standard, including shiraz despite miniscule yields.

ACCOLADES

Gold Medal - 2019 Royal Adelaide Wine Show
Gold Medal - 2019 Barossa Wine Show
Silver Medal - 2019 Royal Melbourne Wine Show
Silver Medal - 2019 National Wine Show of Australia

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage,
25+ years (from vintage).

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