



# HENSCHKE

*Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards*



## Julius Riesling 2005

### Grape Variety

100% riesling grown in Eden Valley.

### Technical Details

Harvest Date: 31 March - 14 April | Alcohol: 12.7% | pH: 2.89 | Acidity: 7.5g/L

### Maturation

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage (no oak or tank maturation) to preserve the wine's fruit characteristics.

### Background

Riesling is the classic grape variety of Germany and one of the earliest varieties brought to South Australia. 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. These dry, food-oriented wines are clean and crisp and have the ability to age into delicious marmalade on toast flavours, due to the cool climate of the Eden Valley 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. It has been named in tribute to ancestor Julius Henschke, a highly acclaimed artist and sculptor.

### Vintage Description

Vintage 2005 was early, warm, quick, fantastic quality with good yields - and exhausting. Above average winter rains led into a beautiful spring, with some early November frosts but good flowering weather in late November and early December. Summer was wet and wild, with an amazing roller-coaster of weekly thunderstorms that helped maintain good subsoil moisture. Rains in January were followed by a dry February, and the dry weather continued right through the autumn. Warmer than usual autumnal weather caused an early, compact harvest of above average yields. The late Indian summer lasted into May, well after all the fruit was harvested, at maturity figures, flavour and colour not seen before the 2002 vintage. The quality of the 2005 vintage is sure to be ranked as one of the best on record, after 2002, with all varieties showing strongly. Once again the signature varieties for Eden Valley, ie, riesling and shiraz, performed brilliantly.

### Wine Description

Green gold in colour. Sweet and floral with nectarine, white currant, citrus blossom and lime zest, complexed with hints of gooseberry and white peach. The palate is rich, minerally, crisp and zesty with a good structure, depth and length.

### Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,  
drink now to 2015.