



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2022 LOUIS

GRAPE VARIETY

100% semillon grown on the Henschke Eden Valley Vineyard, managed with organic and biodynamic practices.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 18 March | Alcohol: 12.5% | pH: 3.21 | Acidity: 5.81g/L

MATURATION

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

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw with lime green hues. Fragrant aromas of lemon blossom and white flowers are intertwined with Kaffir lime leaf, white peach, honeysuckle, shortcrust pastry and fresh-cut herbs. The palate is intense and focussed with layers of lemon curd, Granny Smith apple, grapefruit pith, crushed oregano and clove, balanced by mineral acidity and a long citrus finish.

BACKGROUND

Fourth-generation winemaker, Cyril produced semillon from family-owned vineyards around the Keyneton region since the 1960s. The Louis Semillon is a selection from over 50-year-old vines planted by Cyril in 1968 on the Henschke Eden Valley Vineyard. Since 1995, this wine has been named as a tribute to Cyril's brother, Louis Edmund Henschke (1919-1990), the fourth-generation grower of the Hill of Grace Vineyard.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The winter of 2021 brought good rainfall to refill soil profiles and the cool, slow start to the growing season resulted in budburst occurring two weeks later than average. An extreme hail event on 28 October decimated the young growth across our vineyards in Keyneton and significant crop potential was lost. Late flowering (late November/early December) avoided the cold and windy conditions, resulting in good fruit set, albeit smaller yields. A burst of summer heat without extremes supported berry development and balanced canopy growth. Welcome rain in late January kicked off veraison and ripening, providing a mild and dry finish to summer. 2022 was a late vintage with harvest dates 1-2 weeks later than the historical average. The resulting wines have great elegance with excellent aromatic and flavour intensity, bright acidity and wonderful ageing potential.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage;
20+ years (from vintage).

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