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2019 TILLY'S VINEYARD

GRAPE VARIETY

An aromatic blend of 38% semillon, 22% pinot gris, 20% riesling, 14% chardonnay and 6% sauvignon blanc grown on Henschke and grower vineyards in the Adelaide Hills and Eden Valley wine regions.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 28 February - 26 March | Alcohol: 13% | pH: 3.15 | Acidity: 5.83g/L

MATURATION

Fermented in 100% in stainless steel.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw with lime-green hues. Fresh and vibrant aromas of jasmine, citrus blossom and clover blossom, supported by notes of chamomile tea, lemon rind, cumquat, finger lime and grilled lemon over gooseberry, nectarine, pear and guava. The fresh and focussed palate of zesty citrus and succulent tropical fruits is balanced by hints of oregano and lemon balm and crisp green apple acidity, finishing fine and long with subtle complexity.

BACKGROUND

This attractive, aromatic blend is named as a tribute to Stephen's great-aunt Otilie Mathilde 'Tilly' Henschke, one of the many remarkable pioneering women of the era when daily life saw them work the land, grow their own produce and raise a large family; a far cry from the ease of today.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Adelaide Hills - Vintage 2019 provided generally good growing conditions for the Adelaide Hills, with three notable events: the coldest September on record, the wettest November since 2005 and a mini heat wave on the cusp of January/February that the Adelaide Hills rode out extremely well due to good canopy cover. A rapid progression in berry maturation was kick-started by the Harvest Moon falling right on the spring Equinox, with all varieties ripening at the same time. Hand-harvesting was done in three weeks, bookended by the early sparkling and late red varieties. Yields were down by 20-50 due to 'hen and chicken' (berries of different sizes) from the cold, wet period during flowering, however quality was exceedingly good in both white and red varieties as a result of better ripening conditions.

Eden Valley - 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.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage,
5+ years (from vintage).

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