



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2015 PEGGY'S HILL

MUSEUM RELEASE

GRAPE VARIETY

100% riesling grown in the Eden Valley wine region.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 16 February – 13 March | Alcohol: 12% | pH: 3.01 | Acidity: 6.32g/L

MATURATION

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage to preserve the delicate aromatic fruit characters. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw with lime hues. Vibrant, perfumed aromas of citrus blossom, frangipani, lemon and lime zest with hints of musk and stone-fruit. The palate shows intense lime juice and fresh stone-fruit flavours, complemented by steely minerality and beautiful acidity, for a long, fine crisp finish.

BACKGROUND

This riesling takes its name from a local landmark, Peggy's Hill, at the top of the range between the villages of Eden Valley and Keyneton. Produced from selected traditional Henschke Eden Valley growers, whose vines are up to 50 years old, growing in low-vigour ancient Cambrian soils at around 500m altitude. Peggy's Hill riesling displays exceptional varietal and regional characteristics.

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 signature riesling and elegant shiraz from Eden Valley that show extraordinary flavour, purity of fruit and acid balance with the potential for excellent ageing.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage;
15+ years (from vintage).

REVIEWED June 2015