



HENSCHKE

150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING

2015 MUSCAT OF TAPPA PASS

GRAPE VARIETY

Produced from fully ripened muscat à petits grains blanc grapes grown at Tappa Pass in the Eden Valley region.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date 3 March | Alcohol: 10.5% | pH: 3.02 | Acidity: 6.5g/L

MATURATION

Muscat blanc grapes are fermented cool to enhance the floral muscat aromas and delicate flavours while retaining 81g/L of residual sugar.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw with green-gold hues. Lifted, fragrant aromas of lychee, mandarin peel and toffee apple with floral nuances of orange blossom, rose petal and frangipani, supported by notes of musk stick and clove. The succulent palate of lychee, paw paw and toffee apple is beautifully balanced with layers of spice and fine acidity, for a long, clean, textured and luscious finish.

BACKGROUND

The Muscat of Tappa Pass is produced in a style of a late harvest wine where the fully ripe grapes are left on the vine for longer to naturally increase sugar levels and dehydrate slightly, and often gain an appearance similar to raisins when picked. *Late harvest* is an indication of a sweet dessert wine.

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

Excellent vintage,
5+ years (from vintage).

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