



# HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



## 2023 LOUIS

### GRAPE VARIETY

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

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 24 March | Alcohol: 11% | pH: 3.01 | Acidity: 8.06g/L

### MATURATION

Fermented in tank and matured on yeast lees for four months before bottling to preserve the aromatic fruit characters and pristine acidity.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale lemon with gold hues. Lifted aromas of grapefruit, white peach, orange, almond and clover blossom, with hints of lychee, custard apple, creamed honey and fresh flowering herbs. A bright and expressive palate with layers of lemon curd, peach, clover and honey, balanced by crisp Granny Smith apple texture, refreshing acidity and excellent length.

### 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

While the winter of 2022 saw average rainfall, the latter part of the year brought cooler and above average wet weather. This led to poor flower set and encouraged the spread of downy mildew. A hail flurry on 23 January caused some damage to the green berries, which became sites for botrytis infections later during ripening. The cool lead up to vintage resulted in a slow ripening period, allowing for great flavour development and acid retention. Rainfall during harvest encouraged the growth of botrytis, but careful hand selection during picking delivered good quality fruit. Despite the challenges, the 2023 vintage will be remembered for excellent quality wines with riesling, semillon and shiraz the standout varieties.

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage;  
10+ years (from vintage).

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