# OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



## DRINKING WINDOW

Excellent vintage; drink now to 2035+.

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### **2013 LOUIS**

### GRAPE VARIETY

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

#### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 22 February - 7 March | Alcohol: 11.5% | pH: 3.19 | Acidity: 6.3g/L

#### MATURATION

17% aged for 6 months in seasoned 225L French barriques while the remaining 83% is aged in tank on lees. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

#### WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale gold with green hues. Lifted and fragrant aromas of lime zest, lemongrass and honeysuckle, with subtle notes of dried pear, toasted almond, chamomile, beeswax and honeyed brioche. A rich and luscious palate of grapefruit, baked lime and crème caramel, complemented by bright acidity for a long, textural 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 lead-up to the 2013 vintage saw an early onset of summer, with occasional thunderstorms and only four heat spikes, into the 40s, over summer. A cooler than average January followed by a warm February, brought the predicted early vintage even further forward. Even after the dry-fecta of winter/spring/summer the word from the winery floor was that it would be another great Eden Valley riesling year, followed up with some great old-vine shiraz. Fortunately, a desperately needed 16mm of rain came, the first for nearly six months, at the beginning of March to help the dry-grown vines struggle through to full maturity. The roller-coaster weather ride continued through March with almost weekly cycles of hot and cold. Cool drizzly weather at the end of March nearly brought the harvest to a halt, but with a return to the Indian summer conditions in early April, it gave us a chance to get the late varieties in Eden Valley over the line, predominantly cabernet sauvignon and merlot, returning us to another great vintage of average yields and fabulous rock solid quality.

