



HENSCHKE

Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards



Tilly's Vineyard 2013

Grape Variety

A blend of 34% sauvignon blanc, 20% semillon, 17% chardonnay, 14% riesling, 11% pinot gris and 4% gewürztraminer grown in Henschke's Lenswood vineyard in the Adelaide Hills (77%) and at Eden Valley (23%).

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 17 February-13 March | Alcohol: 12.5% | pH: 3.28 | Acidity: 6.3g/L

Maturation

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage to preserve the wine's fragrant characteristics.

Background

This attractive, fragrant blend is named as a tribute to great-aunt Ottilie Mathilde 'Tilly' Henschke, one of the many remarkable women of the era where daily life was a far cry from the ease of today.

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-pecta* 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.

Wine Description

Pale straw in colour with lime hues. Pronounced lively aromas of mango, rockmelon and passionfruit with a subtle lift of lychee and orange blossom florals. The palate is vibrant and rich on entry with layers of tropical fruit, citrus and stone-fruit flavours with a fine, crisp finish.

Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,
10+ years (from vintage).

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