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2022 THE ROSE GROWER

GRAPE VARIETY

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 2 May | Alcohol: 13% | pH: 3.45 | Acidity: 6.58g/L

MATURATION

Fermented on skins for 5 months and matured in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 14 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale garnet with brick-red hues. Perfumed aromas of raspberry, red cherry, dried rose petal, rosehip and crushed dried herbs. The palate offers a bright core of red cherry layered with bergamot, fennel and liquorice, balanced by fresh acidity and fine, savoury tannins.

BACKGROUND

Stephen and Prue Henschke added to Cyril's original 1960s plantings on the Henschke Eden Valley Vineyard to trial newly introduced varieties to Australia: nebbiolo, barbera, tempranillo and graciano. The nebbiolo vines were planted in 2003 on rocky soils on an elevated foggy north facing slope at the source of the North Para River, at the top of the range overlooking the village of Eden Valley. First produced in 2010, this wine is named after the Roesler family who managed the property, now home to the Henschke nebbiolo vines, as a dairy for generations. In the German language, Roesler is an occupational name for a rose grower.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The winter of 2021 brought good rainfall to refill soil profiles and the cool, slow start to the growing season resulted in budburst occurring two weeks later than average. An extreme hail event on 28 October decimated the young growth across our vineyards in Keyneton and significant crop potential was lost. Late flowering (late November/early December) avoided the cold and windy conditions, resulting in good fruit set, albeit smaller yields. A burst of summer heat without extremes supported berry development and balanced canopy growth. Welcome rain in late January kicked off veraison and ripening, providing a mild and dry finish to summer. 2022 was a late vintage with harvest dates 1–2 weeks later than the historical average. The resulting wines have great elegance with excellent aromatic and flavour intensity, bright acidity and wonderful ageing potential.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage; 15+ years (from vintage).

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