



HENSCHKE

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2022 ROESLEIN

GRAPE VARIETY

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 2 May | Alcohol: 14% | pH: 3.51 | Acidity: 6.22g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep crimson with violet hues. Fragrant aromas of wild red berries, cherry, plum, blueberry and blackberry are intertwined with notes of rosehip, crushed petals and flowering herbs. A fresh and lively palate of raspberry, satsuma plum and violet, with hints of milk chocolate and dark red fruits, is balanced by bright acidity and crisp tannins for a long, elegant finish.

BACKGROUND

The Henschke barbera vines were planted on rocky loam soils adjacent to the nebbiolo in 2002, on a north-facing slope at the source of the North Para River in Eden Valley. The Roeslein (little rose) name is a tribute to the early Roesler (occupational name for rose grower) family property, now the Henschke Eden Valley Vineyard. This small parcel of low-yielding barbera was hand selected and vinified in open-top fermenters, resulting in a medium-bodied, vibrant style.

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;
10+ years (from vintage).

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