



# HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



## 2023 KEYNETON EUPHONIUM

### GRAPE VARIETY

65% shiraz, 33% cabernet sauvignon and 2% cabernet franc grown in the Barossa (69% Eden Valley and 31% Barossa Valley).

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 21 March – 5 May | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.46 | Acidity: 6.3g/L

### MATURATION

Matured in 10% new and 90% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 17 months prior to blending and bottling.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep ruby with garnet hues. Intense aromas of fresh-cut plum, blackberry, mulberry and blueberry are woven through enticing spice notes of anise, clove, mace and black pepper. A savoury, medium-bodied palate of blue and black fruits is layered with crushed dried herbs, carried by fresh acidity and supple, fine-grained tannins revealing incredible length and depth.

### BACKGROUND

Keyneton Euphonium is a beautiful composition of shiraz from up to 50-year-old vines growing in the Eden and Barossa Valleys, blended with cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc from selected vineyards in both regions. The Barossa hills village of Keyneton, established by pastoralist Joseph Keynes in 1842, was a musical and cultural focus for the community, and home to the Henschke Family Brass Band and Henschke Winery. The band was founded in 1888 by second-generation Paul Gotthard Henschke and later led by third-generation Paul Alfred Henschke, featuring wonderful wind instruments such as a B flat euphonium, cornet and E flat clarinet. The B flat euphonium was produced by the famous Zimmermann factory in Leipzig, Germany, in the late 19th century. The instruments were imported by musical entrepreneur, Carl Engel of Adelaide in the late 1800s and have been lovingly restored to remain in the care of the Henschke family.

### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

By late winter of 2022 the soil profiles had been refilled with well above average rainfall, which continued throughout spring. Shoot thinning during the growing season to open up the canopy helped to overcome disease pressure. Dry and cool conditions in December continued throughout summer, causing late flowering and impacting fruit set. Light rain events in autumn resulted in a slower ripening period in the lead up to harvest, which provided great flavour development and acid retention. Despite the challenges of the season, yields were above average with larger berry size compensating for the poor set. The 2023 vintage will be remembered for excellent quality wines with fruit purity, good structure, mature tannins and great length.

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;  
25+ years (from vintage).

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