



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2021 JULIUS RIESLING

GRAPE VARIETY

Single-vineyard riesling grown on the Henschke vineyard in the Eden Valley.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 1 – 11 March | Alcohol: 11.5% | pH: 3.01 | Acidity: 7.0g/L

MATURATION

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage to preserve the delicate aromatic fruit characters.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale lemon with green hues. Lifted aromas of frangipani, kaffir lime leaf, citrus blossom and lime zest, with notes of bergamot orange, white currant, thyme and green peppercorn. The palate shows excellent flavour intensity with concentrated lime juice, grapefruit and white peach, balanced by focused and defined acidity, and a river pebble mineral mouthfeel driving the powerful and long finish.

BACKGROUND

Cyril Henschke developed the Henschke reputation for premium riesling wines as early as the 1950s from the vineyard areas of Eden Valley, Keyneton and Springton in the Eden Valley wine region. This region provides ideal ripening conditions for riesling and a unique track record of exceptional ageing potential. The Eden Valley riesling vineyard is planted on sandy loam over gravel and bedrock with patches of clay. This wine is named as a tribute to ancestor Julius Henschke, a highly acclaimed artist and sculptor. Julius was recognised for his ornate headstones and angel sculptures at Gnadenberg Cemetery, as well as his most famous work, the inspiring War Memorial on North Terrace in Adelaide.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Average winter rains were followed by even budburst. Frost damage was significant and spring was cloudy with good rains pre-flowering, followed by short bursts of hot weather in late November. The later flowering varieties were impacted by heat at the end of November and strong winds in early December damaged the canopies although the crop remained disease free. January was dry with a burst of heat prior to a perfectly timed rain event at veraison in early February. The lead up to vintage was cool, cloudy and mostly dry with the white varieties showing balanced acidities and good aromatics. After our coolest summer for 19 years, a dry, warm autumn provided near-ideal conditions for ripening in our red varieties. Overall, the wines show great balance and potential for ageing.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage,
25+ years (from vintage).

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ACCOLADES

2021 Barossa Wine Show – Silver Medal

2021 Melbourne Royal Wine Awards – Trophy for Best Riesling of Show