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Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

Julius Riesling 2016

Grape Variety

100% riesling grown in Eden Valley.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 1-8 March | *Alcohol:* 11.5% | *pH:* 2.92 | *Acidity:* 6.76g/L

Maturation

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

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 the riesling grape and has a unique track record of exceptional ageing potential for the variety. The Eden Valley riesling vineyard is planted on sandy loam over gravel and bedrock with patches of clay. The wine is named after ancestor Julius Henschke, a highly acclaimed artist and sculptor.

Vintage Description

The 2016 vintage began with well below-average winter rainfall, followed by a warm and dry spring, which enhanced flowering and set to give average to above-average yield potential. Low disease pressure was maintained by one of the hottest Decembers on record, though temperatures cooled down in the New Year and rainfall around veraison in late January brought relief to the dry-grown, old-vine Eden Valley vineyards. This was followed by further rainfall in early March which eased the stress on all varieties. The fruit matured with an earlier harvest, as predicted due to an early Easter. Open, light and airy vine canopies allowed for good flavour, sugar and colour and mature tannins to develop at harvest, which was overall characterised by average yields but very high quality.

Wine Description

Pale gold with vibrant lime hues. Lifted aromas of citrus blossom, kaffir lime leaf, bath salts and lime zest, with hints of stone-fruit, lemon grass and green peppercorns. Intense and focussed, the palate shows concentrated flavours of zesty lime, ripe citrus and green peppercorn, supported by a pure, clean line of refined acidity and minerality, for a long, tight finish.



Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,
25+ years (from vintage).

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