



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2021 ROESLEIN

GRAPE VARIETY

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 19 April | Alcohol: 13.5% | pH: 3.53 | Acidity: 6.20g/L

MATURATION

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

WINE DESCRIPTION

Vibrant ruby with garnet hues. Lively aromas of vivid raspberry, red currant, violets and rosehip with notes of anise, milk chocolate and cooking spices. The palate has great energy, with fleshy blueberry, raspberry and red currant, grilled orange peel and bright acidity, driving a long, grainy-tannin 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

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

Excellent vintage;
10+ years (from vintage).

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