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2021 THE ROSE GROWER

GRAPE VARIETY

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 29 April | Alcohol: 13.5% | pH: 3.55 | Acidity: 6.4g/L

MATURATION

Fermented on skins for 5 months and matured in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 11 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale garnet with bright ruby hues. Delicate aromas of red cherry, raspberry, rosehip, red liquorice, bergamot, tarragon, dried fig and tea leaf. A complex and layered palate of red berries, plum and cherry is framed by lingering notes of rose petal, nutmeg and crushed dried herbs, balanced by minerality, refined tannins and fresh acidity for a long finish.

BACKGROUND

Stephen and Prue Henschke added to Cyril's original 1960s plantings on the Henschke Eden Valley Vineyard to trial newly introduced varieties to Australia: nebbiolo, barbera, tempranillo and graciano. The nebbiolo vines were planted in 2003 on rocky soils on an elevated foggy north facing slope at the source of the North Para River, at the top of the range overlooking the village of Eden Valley. First produced in 2010, this wine is named after the Roesler family who managed the property, now home to the Henschke nebbiolo vines, as a dairy for generations. In the German language, Roesler is an occupational name for a rose grower.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Average winter rains were followed by even budburst, with buds showing good fruitfulness. Frost damage was significant in mid-October and early November, reducing the flowerheads in the later-bursting varieties. Otherwise, spring was cloudy with good rains pre-flowering, followed by short bursts of hot weather in late November. Flowering was mostly early, occurring from mid-November onwards, with riesling showing the most consistent fruit set. The late-flowering varieties were impacted by heat at the end of November and showed some coulure in the bunches. Strong winds on 5 December 2020 damaged the canopies, but the slightly battered 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, resulting in balanced acidities and good aromatics in the white varieties. After our coolest summer for 19 years, a dry and warm autumn provided near-ideal conditions for ripening in our red varieties, achieving sensational colour, flavour and tannin maturity. Overall, the wines show great balance and potential for ageing.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;
15+ years (from vintage).

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