



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2018 THE ROSE GROWER

GRAPE VARIETY

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 24 - 27 April | Alcohol: 13.5% | pH: 3.75 | Acidity: 6.75g/L

MATURATION

Fermented on skins for up to 4 months and matured in 100% seasoned French hogsheads for 20 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale garnet with brick red hues. Fragrant aromas of rosehip, red cherry, cranberry and red currant with cured meats, aniseed and musk, and hints of ginger root, ground nutmeg and dried thyme. An intense, complex, and supple medium-bodied palate of spicy puréed strawberry, cranberry, raspberry and truffle, with a crisp acid line and long chalky tannins on the 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

A moderately wet winter combined with average spring conditions meant that vines grew well in the mild weather. Ideal flowering conditions in late spring/early summer lead to the potential for near-average yields. Late December became warm and dry and assured for healthy canopies with low disease pressure. The summer months of January and February were typically hot and dry but extreme heat periods were shorter than in recent memory, characterised instead by well above-average overnight temperatures. March and April provided the light and warmth which lead to full and balanced maturity being achieved across all grape varieties. All in all, the 2018 vintage will be considered a standout of this decade, fittingly so in the year we celebrated our 150th anniversary of family winemaking.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage;
10+ years (from vintage).

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