



HENSCHKE

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2015 THE ROSE GROWER

GRAPE VARIETY

99% nebbiolo and 1% barbera grown on the Henschke Eden Valley vineyard.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 15 - 24 April | Alcohol: 13.5% | pH: 3.79 | Acidity: 6.0g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 100% seasoned French hogsheads for 16 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Crimson in colour with brick-red hues. Attractive aromas of red currant, red cherry and raspberry, with complex nuances of rosehip and orange brûléé. Rich and fruit-driven, with hints of orange, rosehip and toffee; the palate is elegantly balanced with layers of savoury texture, clean acidity and fine-grained tannins for a long, silky finish.

BACKGROUND

The nebbiolo grape originated in the Piedmont region of north-west Italy and is best known as the variety of Barolo and Barbaresco. It is believed that the name nebbiolo is derived from the Italian word *nebbia*, meaning fog. The Henschke nebbiolo vines have been planted 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. The wine is named after the pioneering Roesler family, who managed the property as a dairy for generations. In the German language, Roesler is an occupational name for 'rose grower'.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

A traditionally wet winter, mild spring and excellent fruit set provided a great start to the 2015 vintage after four vintages with below average yields. Spring was dry and led into a very mild, dry summer with no disease, resulting in fruit with higher natural acidity, and incredible flavour and colour concentration. A dry, warm and windy start to January, however, resulted in one of the worst bushfires in the Adelaide Hills in living memory, though well away from our Lenswood vineyards. By the end of the first week, relief came with 60-75mm of rain and a record-breaking coolest January in 11 years. With the onset of veraison at the end of January, the rain was perfectly timed for the old dry-grown vineyards, and the mild weather that followed from February through to April provided for a fairytale vintage. Most of our white varieties and some Eden Valley shiraz were in before Easter, moving on to the rest of our Eden Valley and Adelaide Hills red varieties soon after, and eventually winding down at the end of April as the rain and cooler temperatures set in. The 2015 vintage has provided stunning and elegant red wines from Eden Valley, that show extraordinary flavour, purity of fruit and acid balance.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage,
15+ years (from vintage).

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