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The Rose Grower Nebbiolo 2010

Grape Variety

100% nebbiolo from 10-year-old vines grown in the Henschke Eden Valley vineyard.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 8 April-14 April | Alcohol: 13.5% | pH: 3.6 | Acidity: 6.08g/L

Maturation

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

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. Henschke's 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, and named after the pioneering Roesler family, who managed the property as a dairy for generations. Roesler is an occupational name for a rose grower.

Vintage Description

The 2010 growing season was preceded by above average winter rainfall. Spring was mild with little frost damage and gave us an even budburst. The weather remained cold and wet through spring, which held back growth until a two-week high 30s heat wave in November affected flowering and fruit set. Spring rains continued into early summer right through until mid-December, making it the wettest year since 2005. The vines responded to the heat and grew vigorously until early January, developing lush canopies, but bunch development suffered as a result.

A roller-coaster ride of heat spikes and cool changes continued through a warm summer with occasional thunderstorms. The vines went through veraison a week earlier than 2009. Lower yields coupled with the mild ripening period resulted in concentrated fruit. Vintage began a week earlier than 2009 and was in full swing by mid-February. The white vintage was all but finished a month later while the red harvest continued, with deeply coloured, well-balanced grapes being picked during mild, dry conditions until the end of April.

Wine Description

Ruby in colour with brick red hues. Sweet, complex aromas of potpourri and prunes are complemented by savoury hints of smoked meats, mixed spices and truffles that transfer to the palate together with concentrated red currant fruits. Layers of texture and fine savoury tannins provide an amazing long, drying finish.

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Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,
15+ years (from vintage).

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