



HENSCHKE

Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

Keyneton Euphonium 2007

Grape Variety

50% shiraz, 20% cabernet sauvignon, 19% merlot and 10% cabernet franc grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley).

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 27 February-12 April | *Alcohol:* 14.5% | *pH:* 3.51 | *Acidity:* 6.7g/L

Maturation

Matured in 30% new and 70% seasoned oak hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling.

Background

The Barossa hills village of Keyneton, pioneered by pastoralist Joseph Keynes in 1842, was a musical and cultural focus for the early settlers, and was home to the Henschke Family Brass Band and the Henschke winery. The Henschke Family Band was founded in 1888 by Paul Gotthard Henschke and later led by third-generation Paul Alfred Henschke, and featured wonderful wind instruments such as a B flat euphonium, cornet and E flat clarinet. The B flat euphonium, a large brass wind instrument, was made by the famous Zimmermann factory in Leipzig, Germany, in the late 19th century. The instruments were imported by musical entrepreneur, Carl Engel of Adelaide in the late 1900s and have been lovingly restored and remain in the Henschke family.

Vintage Description

The 2007 vintage shaped up to be another high quality year but with significantly reduced yields in Eden Valley. Despite an early winter break, rainfall during winter and spring was the worst for years in the lead-up to flowering. There was significant spring frost damage in Eden Valley, with yield losses of 20-25%, compounded by the drought and lack of subsoil moisture with overall losses of 50%. Brief heat waves occurred during January; otherwise, it was mild and dry. At the end of January a tropical air mass connected with a cold front to bring good rains to the agricultural areas of South Australia, with flooding in the north. The 70mm rainfall fell steadily over four days, coinciding with veraison, which freshened up the vine canopy to assist with ripening the fruit for harvest. February was recorded as the hottest for 100 years, which brought the already reduced crop to an earlier ripening phase.

Wine Description

Deep crimson in colour. A complex bouquet of cassis, blackberries and cedar with savoury nuances of tar and roasted meats. Sweet, ripe, lush fruit and velvety, fine-grained tannins create a palate of excellent balance and length.

Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage, 20+ years (from vintage).

Reviewed

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