



# HENSCHKE

150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



## 2015 CYRIL HENSCHKE

### GRAPE VARIETY

99% cabernet sauvignon and 1% cabernet franc from vines which are managed using biodynamic principles grown on the Henschke Eden Valley vineyard.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 31 March - 14 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.6 | Acidity: 6.4g/L

### MATURATION

Matured in 20% new and 80% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep crimson in colour. Spicy and perfumed aromas of red and black currant, mulberry and cassis, with nuances of violet and dried herbs, forest moss and hints of cigar box and cedar. Concentrated flavours of black and blue berry fruits, ripe mulberry and black currant are complemented by rich cedar and mocha, while balanced acidity and finely structured tannins provide focus and depth, for a beautiful, lingering finish.

### BACKGROUND

This wine carries the name of Stephen's father, Cyril Henschke (1924-1979); a tribute to one of Australia's outstanding winemaking pioneers, who was renowned for old-vine, single-vineyard and quality varietal table wines. Cyril planted cabernet sauvignon at the Henschke Eden Valley vineyard in the 1960s.

### 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 provided stunningly elegant wines from Eden Valley, that show extraordinary flavour, purity of fruit and acid balance with the potential for excellent ageing.

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage,  
25+ years (from vintage).

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