

HENSCHKE



Tasting Notes

Wine and Vintage

Keyneton Estate 1998 Shiraz Cabernet Malbec

Grape Varieties

65 % shiraz, 30 % cabernet sauvignon, 5 % malbec grapes grown in Eden Valley and the Barossa Valley.

Background

Named as a tribute to an early English pioneer Joseph Keynes, who settled at Keyneton in 1842 and after whom the village was named. The estate blend exhibits complex fruit flavours and superb balance from the combination of low yielding ungrafted dry-grown varieties. Matured in new and seasoned American and French oak hogsheads for 15 months.

Vintage Description

The preceding winter was unusually dry, with frosty nights and clear days. The rain instead came in spring and the luxuriantly growing vines benefited from the greenhouse effect. The indicators were of a hot dry summer, although only a serious burst of heat was experienced in mid January and again at the end of February, otherwise it was a mild summer, which had a significant delaying effect on the ripening process. An early onset of autumn caused a late harvest, with average yields, good to exceptional quality and intense flavour in the grapes.

Wine Description

Very deep crimson in colour. Aromas of ripe lifted cherries, plums and blackberries with anise, tar, black pepper and hints of herbs and violets. Rich full palate with chewy soft tannins, great structure and length.

Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage, optimum year 2008.

Serving Ideas

Slow cooked duck or lamb with a lightly peppered reduced glaze and a creamy parmesan or pecorino cheese risotto.

Technical Data

Harvest date: 6-12 May

Alcohol: 14.1

pH 3.32

Acid 6.6