



HENSCHKE

Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

Julius Riesling 1996

Grape Variety

100% riesling grown in Eden Valley.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 19 May | *Alcohol:* 13% | *pH:* 2.92 | *Acidity:* 8.1g/L

Maturation

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage (no oak or tank maturation) to preserve the wine's fruit character.

Background

Cyril Henschke developed the Henschke reputation for premium riesling wines as early as the 1950s from the vineyard areas of Eden Valley, Keyneton and Springton in the Eden Valley wine region. This region provides ideal ripening conditions for the riesling grape and has a unique track record of exceptional ageing potential for the variety. The Eden Valley riesling vineyard is planted on sandy loam over gravel and bedrock with patches of clay. The wine is named after ancestor Julius Henschke, a highly acclaimed artist and sculptor.

Vintage Description

The 1996 vintage was preceded by a welcome average winter rainfall after two drought years. A mild spring with excellent flowering conditions and a mild, cool but windy summer allowed for above average yields. A cool, dry autumn provided an exceptionally long, slow ripening period with very good flavour development and quality.

Wine Description

Pale gold with gold hues. Rich fragrant aromas of lime marmalade, toffee and buttered toast with a hint of green peppercorn and menthol. The palate is richly fruited and surprisingly zesty, with broad layers of flavor and texture, a line of pure steely acidity and a long, crisp finish.

Cellaring Potential

Great vintage, 20+ years (from vintage).

Reviewed

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