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Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

Julius Riesling 1995 (Museum Release)

Grape Variety

100% riesling grown in Eden Valley.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: Mid-April | Alcohol: 13.5% | pH: 2.96 | Acidity: 7.6g/L

Maturation

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage (no oak or tank maturation) to preserve the wine's fruit character. Bottle aged at Henschke Cellars in Keyneton for museum release. (Cork closure.)

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 1995 vintage saw a culmination of two drought winters, record severe frosts, poor fruit set and a hot dry summer which set the scene for a borderline disaster. A warm, dry January and February combined with low crop levels brought on an all-too-early harvest. The coldest March on record with ripening halted for two to three weeks allowed fruit to develop more flavour and intensity. Fortunately, the weather remained dry and the cold nights retained the natural acidity in the fruit. A warmer April gave rise to good colour and quality.

Wine Description

Very deep gold in colour. Sweet, delicate florals with lifted aromas of citrus and lime marmalade are complemented with soft toasty nuances. The palate is rich and fine with zesty lime and a hint of spice; beautifully balanced with great length.

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Cellaring Potential

Great vintage,
15+ years (from vintage).
Ideal to drink now.

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