



HENSCHKE

150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2018 JULIUS

GRAPE VARIETY

100% riesling grown in Eden Valley.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 5 - 19 March | Alcohol: 11.5% | pH: 3.03 | Acidity: 6.6g/L

MATURATION

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage to preserve the delicate aromatic fruit characters.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw with green hues. Fragrant and focussed aromas of lime juice, lime blossom and kaffir lime leaf, with hints of grapefruit zest and green peppercorn. Pure and delicate flavours of lime juice, lemon and pink grapefruit are entwined with fine lime acidity and river pebble minerality, creating a textural mouthfeel and a subtly textured finish.

BACKGROUND

Fourth-generation winemaker 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 riesling and a unique track record of exceptional ageing potential. The Eden Valley riesling vineyard is planted on sandy loam over gravel and bedrock with patches of clay. This wine is named as a tribute to ancestor Julius Henschke, a highly acclaimed artist and sculptor. Julius was recognised for his ornate headstones and angel sculptures at Gnadenberg Cemetery, as well as his most famous work, the inspiring War Memorial on North Terrace in Adelaide.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

A moderately wet winter combined with average spring conditions meant that the vines grew well in the mild weather. Ideal flowering conditions in late spring/early summer led to the potential for near-average yields. Late December became warm and dry, ensuring healthy canopies with low disease pressure. The summer months of January and February were typically warm and dry, characterised by above-average overnight temperatures. The old-vine vineyards coped well with the warm nights, their deep roots able to withstand the warming and drying effect on the topsoil, maturing the balanced crops as autumn approached. March and April provided light and warmth to the Eden Valley which led to full and balanced maturity being achieved across all grape varieties. With warm sunny days and cool nights, the dry autumn guaranteed that pristinely healthy grapes arrived at the winery. All in all, the 2018 vintage will be considered a standout of the decade. The excellent quality of the whites is clear, fittingly so in the year we celebrated our 150th anniversary of family winemaking.

ACCOLADES

2018 The Drinks Business Global Riesling Masters - Gold Medal

2020 Teksom International Wine Awards – Silver Medal

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage,
20+ years (from vintage).

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