



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2008 JULIUS

GRAPE VARIETY

100% riesling grown on the Henschke Eden Valley Vineyard, managed with organic and biodynamic practices.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 18 February – 8 March | Alcohol: 12.5% | pH: 3.04 | Acidity: 7.5g/L

MATURATION

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage to preserve the delicate aromatic fruit characters. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Medium gold with green hues. Intensely fragrant aromas of lime blossom, lemon curd, chamomile, clove and shortcrust pastry. A generous and complex palate with a vibrant citrus core of lime zest, tangerine and pink grapefruit is supported by white blossom, bush honey and toasted brioche notes. A powerful, defined and poised wine.

BACKGROUND

Fourth-generation winemaker, Cyril 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 Henschke 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 mild and unusually frost-free spring provided regular rainfall in the lead up to a dry and hot summer. Fine flowering weather led to good fruit set, despite the drought of the previous year. Weather from mid-January through to February was the coolest in 30 years. An unprecedented 15-day heat wave in March caused vine stress, significant leaf drop, escalated sugar levels and fruit shrivel. Handpicking ensured the best quality fruit of intense colour and flavour was selected.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;
Drink now - 2040+

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