



# HENSCHKE

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## Cyril Henschke 2000

### Grape Variety

90% cabernet sauvignon, 5% cabernet franc and 5% merlot grown on the Henschke Eden Valley vineyard.

### Technical Details

*Harvest Date:* Mid-late April | *Alcohol:* 13.5% | *pH:* 3.33 | *Acidity:* 6.7g/L

### Maturation

Matured in new and seasoned French hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged at Henschke Cellars in Keyneton for museum release.

### Background

This wine carries the name of Stephen's father, Cyril Henschke (1924-1979), as a tribute to one of Australia's outstanding winemaking pioneers, renowned for old-vine single-vineyard and quality varietal table wines. Cyril planted cabernet sauvignon at Henschke's Eden Valley vineyard in the 1960s.

### Vintage Description

The 2000 vintage was small and early. Another drought winter, frost at the end of October, poor flower development in spring and the unseasonal cool temperatures in late October/early November led to low yields. This was compounded by searing summer temperatures and a large amount of rain at the end of February - 100mm of rain over 24 hours courtesy of a tropical cyclone up north.

### Wine Description

Deep red with brick-red hues. Fragrant aromas of ripe blueberries, blackcurrants and dark plums are complemented by cassis and sweet spices, violet florals and secondary nuances of cedar and leather. A pleasingly youthful palate is beautifully structured with fine acidity and layers of fine-grained mature tannins, for a long and silky finish.

### Cellaring Potential

Great vintage, 20+ years (from vintage).

### Reviewed

July 2017

