



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2022 FIVE SHILLINGS

GRAPE VARIETY

78% shiraz and 22% mataro grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley regions).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 6 - 21 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.50 | Acidity: 5.89g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 8 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep crimson with purple hues. Lifted aromas of black cherry, mulberry, blueberry, Satsuma plum and rhubarb are entwined with spicy notes of black pepper, nutmeg and mace. The rich and plush palate of fresh red and blue fruits is layered with herbal notes of thyme and lavender, balanced by bright acidity and velvety tannins for a long finish.

BACKGROUND

Five Shillings pays tribute to Paul Gotthard, second-generation Henschke winemaker and a member of the early Barossa Silesian community of South Australia. In 1862 he and his father, Johann Christian, established the Henschke winery in the high country of the Eden Valley's historic North Rhine district, planted seven acres of vines, and in 1868 sold the first wines. In 1873, after a transfer of five shillings, he continued on the winemaking tradition from his father and began to build a reputation for quality wines. Among the first wines they produced in the 1860s were 'dry white' (likely made from riesling) and 'dry red' (likely made from shiraz and mataro). This wine replicates the blend of Gotthard's early 'dry reds' and is produced from low yielding, ungrafted, biodynamically grown Eden Valley shiraz planted on 540 million-year-old red-brown earths, and blended with mataro grown on the sandy soils of the Barossa Valley.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Above average 2021 winter rainfall helped to refill soil profiles and the cool, slow start to the growing season resulted in budburst occurring slightly later than average. A frost event occurred on 11 October, followed by an extreme hail event on 28 October, and the cold and wet weather mid-November coincided with flowering, and impacted fruit-set and potential yields. December and January provided a burst of summer heat, however at the beginning of vintage another severe weather event dealt a deluge of rain and even more hail to some parts of the region. While mild and dry conditions followed, the cumulative impacts of the season's weather events resulted in lower yields across the region. The 2022 wines show great aromatics, balance of acidity and a bright core of flavour.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage;
10+ years (from vintage).

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