



# HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



## 2018 TAPPA PASS

### GRAPE VARIETY

100% shiraz from up to 70 year-old, low-yielding vines grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley regions).

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 13 - 28 March | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.46 | Acidity: 6.22g/L

### MATURATION

Matured in 24% new and 76% seasoned French hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep crimson with violet hues. Vibrant aromas of blueberry, blackberry, Satsuma plum and raspberry with hints of anise, crushed marjoram, cardamom, violets and cedar. The palate is rich, plush, and complex, with juicy blueberry and mulberry, spicy blackberry paste, and layers of fine velvety tannins creating incredible depth and length.

### BACKGROUND

The Barossa has a core of traditional growers of German Silesian descent, dating back five generations, staunchly continuing on the traditions of their forebears. Occasionally one or two parcels of fruit of overwhelming quality come over the weighbridge; this is such an example. This wine is sourced from up to 70-year-old, low-yielding shiraz vines from a selection of historical grower vineyards at Tappa Pass and Light Pass, growing in low-fertility Neoproterozoic soils more than 542 million years old, that range from red-brown earths to terra rossa. These vineyards provide shiraz fruit from both the Eden and Barossa Valleys of the Barossa zone, vinified in traditional open-top fermenters.

### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

A moderately wet winter combined with average spring conditions meant that vines grew well in the mild weather. Ideal flowering conditions in late spring/early summer lead to the potential for near-average yields. Late December became warm and dry and assured for healthy canopies with low disease pressure. The summer months of January and February were typically hot and dry but extreme heat periods were shorter than in recent memory, characterised instead by well above-average overnight temperatures. March and April provided the light and warmth which lead to full and balanced maturity being achieved across all grape varieties. All in all, the 2018 vintage will be considered a standout of this decade, fittingly so in the year we celebrated our 150th anniversary of family winemaking

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage;  
30+ years (from vintage).

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