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Louis Semillon 2013

Grape Variety

100% semillon grown in Eden Valley.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 22 February-7 March | Alcohol: 11.5% | pH: 3.19 | Acidity: 6.3g/L

Maturation

17% aged for 6 months in seasoned 225L French barriques while the remaining 83% is aged in tank on lees.

Background

A tribute to Louis Edmund Henschke (1919-1990), the fourth-generation grower of the Hill of Grace vineyard. His expertise as a vigneron has resulted in a legacy in the form of the famous vineyard being maintained using long-term organic principles. The semillon is a reserve selection from 50-year-old vines, grown in the Henschke vineyard at Eden Valley.

Vintage Description

The lead-up to the 2013 vintage saw an early onset of summer, with occasional thunderstorms and only four heat spikes, into the 40s, over summer. A cooler than average January followed by a warm February, brought the predicted early vintage even further forward. Even after the *dry-pecta* of winter/spring/summer the word from the winery floor was that it would be another great Eden Valley riesling year, followed up with some great old-vine shiraz. Fortunately, a desperately needed 16mm of rain came, the first for nearly six months, at the beginning of March to help the dry-grown vines struggle through to full maturity. The roller-coaster weather ride continued through March with almost weekly cycles of hot and cold. Cool drizzly weather at the end of March nearly brought the harvest to a halt, but with a return to the Indian summer conditions in early April, it gave us a chance to get the late varieties in Eden Valley over the line, predominantly cabernet sauvignon and merlot, returning us to another great vintage of average yields and fabulous rock solid quality.

Wine Description

Pale straw with lime hues. Aromas of fragrant clover blossom, lemon citrus and green apple are layered with hints of nashi pear, dried fennel and newly mown hay. The focused palate shows zesty citrus and fresh stone-fruit characters with beautifully balanced fine acidity and texture for a long, crisp finish.



Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage,
15+ years (from vintage).

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