



HENSCHKE

150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2018 PEGGY'S HILL RIESLING

GRAPE VARIETY

100% riesling grown in Eden Valley.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 28 February - 20 March | Alcohol: 12% | pH: 3.06 | Acidity: 6.48g/L

MATURATION

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage to preserve the delicate aromatic fruit characters.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw with green-gold hues. An intense bouquet of citrus blossom and green apple with hints of frangipani, delicate white flowers and musk, supported by fragrant lime leaf aromas. Vibrant lemon and lime flavours lead to subtle green apple and musk, with ripe citrus acidity providing a fine and focussed palate with excellent persistence and length.

BACKGROUND

The riesling takes its name from a local landmark, Peggy's Hill, at the top of the range between Eden Valley and Keyneton. Produced from selected traditional Henschke Eden Valley growers, whose vines are up to 50 years old, growing in low-vigour ancient Cambrian soils at around 500m altitude. The Eden Valley riesling displays exceptional varietal and regional characteristics.

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. The old-vine vineyards coped well with the warm nights, their deep roots able to withstand the warming and drying effect on the topsoil, maturing the balanced crops as autumn approached. March and April provided the light and warmth to the Eden Valley which lead to full and balanced maturity being achieved across all grape varieties. With warm sunny days and cool nights, the dry autumn guaranteed that pristinely-healthy grapes arrived in the fermenters. 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.

ACCOLADES

2018 Barossa Wine Show - Gold medal

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage,
10+ years (from vintage).

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