



HENSCHKE

150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING

2016 HENRY'S SEVEN



GRAPE VARIETY

66% shiraz, 15% grenache, 10% mataro and 9% viognier grapes grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 8 March - 12 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.52 | Acidity: 6.02g/L

MATURATION

Viognier co-fermented with shiraz; grenache and mataro fermented separately. Matured in seasoned French hogsheads for 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep crimson with ruby hues. Attractive aromas of spiced plum, red currant and blue and black berry fruits are met with floral nuances of violets and black pepper spice. The round, supple palate is filled with juicy blue and red fruits, spiced plum, liquorice and notes of crushed tarragon, with beautifully textured svelte tannins and a long, peppery finish.

BACKGROUND

The shiraz, grenache, mataro, viognier blend is a tribute to Henry Evans who planted the first vineyard of seven acres at Keyneton in 1853. He quickly developed a reputation for producing the best wines in the southern colony. Following Henry's death in 1868, his widow Sarah exercised her temperance convictions by closing the winery and uprooting all the winegrapes. This blend highlights the historical introduction of southern French and Spanish varieties to South Australia in those early pioneering days and reflects the history, religion and culture of the Barossa.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2016 vintage began with well below-average winter rainfall, followed by a warm and dry spring, which enhanced flowering and fruit set. Low disease pressure was maintained by one of the hottest Decembers on record, though temperatures cooled down in the New Year and rainfall around veraison in late January brought relief to the dry-grown vineyards. This was followed by further rainfall in early March with an earlier harvest as predicted due to an early Easter. Open, light and airy vine canopies allowed for good flavour, sugar and colour, and mature tannins to develop at harvest, which was overall characterised by average yields but very high quality.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage,
20+ years (from vintage).

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