



HENSCHKE

Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

Julius Riesling 2017

Grape Variety

100% riesling grown in Eden Valley.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 16-31 March | *Alcohol:* 11.5% | *pH:* 2.98 | *Acidity:* 6.98g/L

Maturation

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

Background

Cyril Henschke developed the Henschke reputation for premium riesling wines as early as the 1950s from the vineyard areas of Eden Valley, Keyneton and Springton in the Eden Valley wine region. This region provides ideal ripening conditions for the riesling grape and has a unique track record of exceptional ageing potential for the variety. The Eden Valley riesling vineyard is planted on sandy loam over gravel and bedrock with patches of clay. The wine is named after ancestor Julius Henschke, a highly acclaimed artist and sculptor.

Vintage Description

A later start to picking and a mild period of ripening finished with the last grapes being picked in mid-May. A wet 2016 winter gave us a good foundation for our predominantly dry-grown vines on their own roots, and a cool, wet and fiercely windy spring followed, with a slightly higher spring rainfall than the Barossa Valley, which delayed flowering, though conditions during set meant that yields were at average levels. A mild summer with regular rainfall events followed, which allowed the grapes to reach full physiological maturity. The significant rainfall events largely missed our area and therefore we harvested the majority of our grapes in healthy condition. As always, careful hand picking in the vineyard and sorting of grapes as they were processed made sure that quality was not compromised. 2017 will be characterised by impeccably floral and vibrant rieslings, an indicator of our slightly cooler conditions.

Wine Description

Pale straw with green/gold hues. Exquisite aromas of flowering citrus and bath salts, concentrated white currants, lemons, limes and grapefruit zest, with hints of frangipani and green peppercorns. The palate is pure and bursting with ripe limes and succulent white currant flavours, with layered mineral talc-like texture and pure lines of zesty acidity for a very long, fine, dry finish.

Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage, 25+ years (from vintage).

Reviewed

November 2017

