



# HENSCHKE

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## 2015 HILL OF PEACE SEMILLON

### GRAPE VARIETY

100% semillon planted by fourth-generation Louis Henschke in 1952 on the Hill of Grace vineyard in the Eden Valley.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 11 February | Alcohol: 12% | pH: 3.28 | Acidity: 6.19g/L

### MATURATION

100% matured for 9 months in seasoned 225L French barriques before bottle aging prior to release in order to encourage developed characteristics in the wine.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw with green-gold hues. Lifted and fragrant aromas of clover blossom, lemon rind, lime leaf, white currant and freshly cut hay round out into candied ginger, chamomile tea and vanillin. A lovely ripe and juicy palate of stone fruit, nashi pear and lemon curd flavours build richness across the mid-palate, with the time in oak adding layers of complexity and texture. The wine looks incredibly youthful for its age, due to fresh, zesty acidity creating an elegant and long finish.

### BACKGROUND

Hill of Peace is named as a tribute to the early Barossa Lutheran pioneers who settled at historic Parrot Hill in the Eden Valley. Their toil, perseverance and conservatism in hardship has meant the many generations that followed have rejoiced in the riches of those prudent efforts. This wine is just one of those blessings. The semillon vineyard lies across from the Gnadenberg 'Hill of Grace' church and cemetery. The wine is produced from low-yielding, dry-grown old-vine semillon vines planted on shallow red-brown earths in the Hill of Grace vineyard in the Eden Valley, nurtured using organic and biodynamic principles. The quality of the semillon in 2015 produced a unique wine that warranted a separate bottling and limited release.

### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

A traditionally wet winter, mild spring and excellent fruit set provided a great start to the 2015 vintage after four vintages with below average yields. Spring was dry and led into a very mild, dry summer with no disease, resulting in fruit with higher natural acidity, and incredible flavour and colour concentration. It was a dry, warm and windy start to January, with some welcome rain at the end of the month coinciding with the onset of veraison; perfectly timed for the old dry-grown vineyards. Mild weather followed from February through to April providing a fairytale vintage, eventually winding down at the end of April as the rain and cooler temperatures set in. The 2015 vintage has provided stunning signature regional varieties that show extraordinary flavour, purity of fruit and acid balance with the potential for exceptional ageing

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage, up to 20 years (from vintage).

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