



# HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



## 2017 JOHANN'S GARDEN

### GRAPE VARIETY

76% grenache, 18% mataro and 6% shiraz grown in the Barossa Valley.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 5 April - 3 May | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.44 | Acidity: 6.1g/L

### MATURATION

Grenache, mataro and shiraz vinified separately. Matured in seasoned French hogsheads for 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Crimson with garnet hues. Bright, lifted aromas of red currant, rosehip and raspberry develop into concentrated baked plum pudding with notes of anise, nutmeg, mace and a hint of white pepper. The soft, luscious palate is complemented by complex flavours of spiced berry compote, raspberry and red licorice that fill the mouth. An elegant style with fine, velvety tannins and balanced acidity.

### BACKGROUND

Named as a tribute to the early German Silesian pioneers of the Barossa, many of whom carried the first name of *Johann*. Their toil, perseverance and conservatism in hardship has meant that the many generations that followed rejoiced in the riches of their prudent efforts. This blend is just one of those blessings. The traditions and culture have survived to this day, including the winemaking techniques used in this grenache blend. It is produced from low-yielding, old, gnarled, dry-grown bush and trellised vines on limestone soils from selected vineyards in the Barossa Valley. Barossa growers traditionally referred to their vineyard as their 'garden', from the German *weingarten*.

### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Picking began two weeks later than usual and a mild period of ripening finished with the last grapes being picked in the first week of May. A wet 2016 winter gave us a good foundation for a cool, wet and windy spring, with spring temperatures approximately 2C below average. Wet soils, combined with cooler temperatures resulted in slow shoot development, however the lack of stress in the vines meant that the flowers developed well. Favourable weather during flowering resulted in good fruit set. A mild summer with regular rainfall events followed, which allowed the grapes to reach full physiological maturity. The significant rainfall events largely missed the valley and the fruit was harvested in healthy condition. As always, careful hand picking in the vineyard and sorting of grapes as they were crushed made sure that quality was not compromised. 2017 was a classic vintage for Henschke, with well-balanced wines exhibiting beautiful fragrance, spice, purity and elegance.

### ACCOLADES

2018 Barossa Wine Show - Silver Medal

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage,  
15+ years (from vintage).

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