



# HENSCHKE

150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



## 2017 STONE JAR

### GRAPE VARIETY

97% tempranillo and 3% graciano grapes grown in the Henschke Eden Valley vineyard.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 8 May | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.54 | Acidity: 5.75g/L

### MATURATION

Matured in seasoned French hogsheads for 8 months prior to blending and bottling.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep garnet in colour. Complex and spicy aromas of boysenberry conserve, dark plum and deep red and black fruits are complemented by underlying notes of flint, charcuterie, blackcurrant leaf and crushed dried herbs. Vibrant layers of plum, boysenberry and raspberry flavours entwine with savoury spice, cracked black pepper and cocoa. Fine-grained mature tannins provide texture for a plush mouthfeel and beautifully long finish.

### BACKGROUND

The *Stone Jar* pays tribute to the original Henschke settlers and their rich and wonderfully varied traditions, which were carried on for generations. Stephen's grandfather Paul Alfred sold his wine to local customers in stone jars, which in the Barossa was called a *krug*. The tempranillo and graciano vines were planted on rocky soils on the north facing slope at the range overlooking the village of Eden Valley, grown using organic and biodynamic practices and made using traditional winemaking techniques.

### 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.

### ACCOLADES

2018 Barossa Wine Show - Silver Medal

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage,  
10+ years (from vintage).

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