



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2018 HENRY'S SEVEN

GRAPE VARIETY

67% shiraz, 17% grenache, 10% mataro and 6% viognier grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 13 March - 18 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.52 | Acidity: 5.98g/L

MATURATION

Viognier co-fermented with shiraz; grenache and mataro fermented separately. Matured in 5% new and 95% seasoned French hogsheads for 9 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Crimson with violet hues. Lifted aromatics of red berries, black cherry and plum are supported by violets, anise, sage and cracked pepper. The vibrant palate exudes rich plum and red currant flavours, with hints of pepper and anise. Decadent layers of flavor and texture are supported by svelte tannins and excellent length.

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

A moderately wet winter combined with average spring conditions meant that vines grew well in the mild weather. Ideal flowering conditions in late spring/early summer lead to the potential for near-average yields. Late December became warm and dry and assured for healthy canopies with low disease pressure. The summer months of January and February were typically hot and dry but extreme heat periods were shorter than in recent memory, characterised instead by well above-average overnight temperatures. March and April provided the light and warmth which lead to full and balanced maturity being achieved across all grape varieties. All in all, the 2018 vintage will be considered a standout of this decade, fittingly so in the year we celebrated our 150th anniversary of family winemaking.

ACCOLADES

Silver Medal - 2019 Barossa Wine Show
Silver Medal - 2019 National Wine Show of Australia

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage,
15+ years (from vintage).

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