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Joseph Hill Gewürztraminer 2013

Grape Variety

100% gewürztraminer grown in Henschke's Lenswood vineyard in the Adelaide Hills and Eden Valley vineyard.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 14 February & 20 February | Alcohol: 12.5% | pH: 3.02 | Acidity: 6.8g/L

Maturation

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

Background

The traminer grape originated in the Tramin area of the north-east of Italy. This variety has been grown for centuries in French Alsace and Germany. The altitude, cool climate and deep loam soils of Eden Valley provide excellent conditions for this variety. The gewürztraminer vineyard is planted on well-drained deep sandy loam and silt and is named after Joseph Hill Thyer who pioneered the first vines on this property in the early 1900s. This year a percentage from the Henschke Archer's Vineyard has been included to lend greater aromatics and complexity.

Vintage Description

The 2013 harvest in the Adelaide Hills was expected to be early, with the Easter full moon very close to the autumn equinox, and sure enough budburst started early in spring 2012 with green shoots emerging in the first week of September. All varieties woke to a cool and mild spring, with a surprising snow flurry in early October, which led into a mild November of warm days and nights, providing excellent conditions for flowering. Lenswood first saw rain at the end of harvest, seven dry months that produced a green drought with exceptional yields and quality.

Eden Valley also experienced an early onset of summer, with occasional thunderstorms, and a cooler than average January followed by a warm February completed the *dry-fecta* of winter/spring/summer. The roller-coaster weather ride continued through March with almost weekly cycles of hot and cold. Cool drizzly weather at the end of March nearly brought the harvest to a halt, but with a return to the Indian summer conditions in early April, it gave us a chance to get all varieties in Eden Valley over the line, returning us to another great vintage of average yields and fabulous rock solid quality.

Wine Description

Pale green-gold in colour. Lifted, fragrant and intense aromas of rose petals, lychee, Turkish delight and passionfruit husk with hints of musk, green peppercorn and ginger spice. The palate is sweetly fruited with layers of white peach, passionfruit and rosehip flavours, with lovely crisp acidity and freshness, lush mouthfeel and excellent balance and length.



Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,
10+ years (from vintage).

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