



HENSCHKE

150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING

2014 THE ROSE GROWER

GRAPE VARIETY

100% nebbiolo grown on the Henschke Eden Valley vineyard.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 30 April - 1 May | Alcohol: 13% | pH: 3.79 | Acidity: 6.27g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 100% seasoned French hogsheads for 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Ruby red with garnet hues. Alluring aromas of wild red currant and raspberry, spiced cherry and Turkish delight with underlying nuances of rosehip, tobacco leaf and charcuterie. Surprisingly rich flavours of red cherry and wild strawberry with dried rosemary and spice complexity, sit upon a well-structured palate with a driving red currant acidity, enveloping core of fine-grained and creamy tannins, which persist for a beautifully long finish.

BACKGROUND

The nebbiolo grape originated in the Piedmont region of north-west Italy and is best known as the variety of Barolo and Barbaresco. It is believed that the name nebbiolo is derived from the Italian word *nebbia*, meaning fog. The Henschke nebbiolo vines have been planted on rocky soils on an elevated foggy north facing slope at the source of the North Para River, at the top of the range overlooking the village of Eden Valley. The wine is named after the pioneering Roesler family, who managed the property as a dairy for generations. In the German language, Roesler is an occupational name for 'rose grower'.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2014 moon cycles put Easter quite late in the season, so the expectation of a late harvest prevailed until South Australia experienced its record number of heat days over 40C in January, culminating in the worst bushfire in Eden Valley in living memory, and followed by the wettest February in 44 years. Fortunately Eden Valley was still in veraison, which allowed the quenching rain to rebalance the fruit, particularly in the older dry-grown vineyards. The change to mild autumnal weather in late February after the rains allowed for a focus on early vintage white varieties, while the red varieties continued to fully ripen. March became colder and wetter, which seemed to change to a winter pattern after the equinox, resulting in one of the longest and latest vintages. In summary, a challenging season with excellent quality but very low yields.



CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage,
15+ years (from vintage).

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