



# HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



## 2022 GEORGE 5<sup>TH</sup>

### GRAPE VARIETY

100% single-vineyard grenache grown in the Barossa Valley.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 31 March | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.50 | Acidity: 4.99g/L

### MATURATION

Matured in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 8 months prior to blending and bottling.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Crimson with purple hues. Fragrant, floral aromas of cherry blossom, spicy red berries and raspberry are woven together with hints of cedar, musk, vanilla, anise and dried herbs. Luscious red plum, dark cherry and rhubarb are complemented by notes of nutmeg and white pepper, balanced by bright acidity and fine, silky tannins for a long finish.

### BACKGROUND

Georg Heidenreich was ordained as a pastor in Hanover in 1866 in the presence of George V and the royal family, where Martin Luther, father of the Reformation, was ordained in 1507. Georg married Anna Meyer, and arrived at Port Adelaide later that year. Their new home for the next 44 years was the Manse in Bethany in the Barossa Valley. Subsequent generations settled in nearby Vine Vale on the deep sands of the North Para River and planted the now 80-year-old bush-vine grenache, which thrives in this environment producing exemplary delicious fragrance, elegance and lithe tannins.

### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Above average 2021 winter rainfall helped to refill soil profiles and the cool, slow start to the growing season resulted in budburst occurring slightly later than average. A frost event occurred on 11 October, followed by an extreme hail event on 28 October, and the cold and wet weather mid-November coincided with flowering, and impacted fruit-set and potential yields. December and January provided a burst of summer heat, however at the beginning of vintage another severe weather event dealt a deluge of rain and even more hail to some parts of the region. While mild and dry conditions followed, the cumulative impacts of the season's weather events resulted in lower yields across the region. The 2022 wines show great aromatics, balance of acidity and a bright core of flavour.

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage;  
15+ years (from vintage).

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