



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2017 LOUIS SEMILLON

GRAPE VARIETY

100% semillon grapes from vines which are managed using biodynamic principles grown in Eden Valley.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 30 March | Alcohol: 11.5% | pH: 3.21 | Acidity: 6.2g/L

MATURATION

5% aged for 8 months in seasoned 225L French barriques while the remaining 95% is aged in tank on lees.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale gold with lime green hues. Complex aromas of meadow blossom, freshly cut hay, lemon rind and Nashi pear are complemented by hints of white currant, stone-fruit, lanolin and toast. The rich and textural palate offers intense citrus and stone-fruit flavours with great drive and purity, supported by a fine and balanced acid line for a clean finish. This vintage exhibits great ageing potential.

BACKGROUND

A tribute to Louis Edmund Henschke (1919-1990), the fourth-generation grower of the Hill of Grace vineyard. His expertise as a vigneron has resulted in a legacy in the form of the famous vineyard being maintained using long-term organic principles. The semillon is a reserve selection from 50-year-old vines, grown in the Henschke vineyard at Eden Valley.

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 white wines, an indicator of our slightly cooler conditions.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage,
25+ years (from vintage).

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