

Henschke,

`Henry's Seven` Barossa Shiraz/Grenache/Mataro/Viognier 2022

Barossa, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	72% Shiraz 15% Grenache 11% Mataro 2% Viognier
Winemaker	Stephen Henschke
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14.5%
Acidity	6.25g/L
Wine pH	3.42
Bottle Sizes	75cl

PRODUCER

The Henschke family have been making wine at their estate in the Eden Valley since 1868. Fifth-generation winemaker Stephen Henschke took over running the winery in 1979. Together with his viticulturist wife Prue, they have taken their two single vineyards, Hill of Grace and Mount Edelstone, and transformed them into two of Australia's most sought-after wines. Through a combination of great viticulture from Prue, who is at the forefront of re-introducing native plants into their vineyards to improve biodiversity, and winemaking from Stephen, they have built upon their inheritance and turned this traditional producer into one that is celebrated all around the world.

VINEYARDS

This blend is a tribute to Henry Evans, who planted the first vineyard of seven acres at Keyneton in 1853. The 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. The fruit for this blend is sourced from selected growers in Eden Valley and Barossa Valley, with whom Stephen and Prue have been dealing for decades.

VINTAGE

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 11th October, followed by an extreme hail event on 28th 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. Despite these challenges, the 2022 wines show great aromatics, balance of acidity and a bright core of flavour.

VINIFICATION

The fruit for this wine was picked between 22nd March and 3rd May. The Viognier is co-fermented with Shiraz, while the Grenache and Mataro are fermented separately. The wine is then matured in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 8 months prior to blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Deep crimson in colour with violet hues. Fragrant aromas of raspberry, plum and boysenberry are layered with notes of sage, black pepper and cocoa with floral nuances and vanilla. A rich and supple palate of dark plum, cherry and crushed blackberry flavours is well-balanced by vibrant acidity and fine, savoury tannins.