

Henschke,

**`Henry's Seven` Barossa Shiraz/Grenache/Mataro/Viognier  
2023**

**Barossa, South Australia, Australia**



## 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

While the winter of 2022 saw average rainfall, the latter part of the year brought cooler and above average wet weather. This led to poor flower set and encouraged the spread of downy mildew. A hail flurry on 23rd January caused some damage to the green berries, which became sites for botrytis infections later during ripening. The cool lead up to vintage resulted in a slow ripening period, allowing for great flavour development and acid retention. Rainfall during harvest encouraged the growth of botrytis, but careful hand selection during picking delivered good quality fruit. Despite the challenges, the 2023 vintage will be remembered for excellent quality wines with Riesling, Semillon and Shiraz being the standout varieties.

## VINIFICATION

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.

Grape Varieties	<b>81% Shiraz</b>
	<b>11% Grenache</b>
	<b>6% Mataro</b>
	<b>2% Viognier</b>
Winemaker	<b>Stephen Henschke</b>
Closure	<b>Screwcap</b>
ABV	<b>14.5%</b>
Acidity	<b>6.4g/L</b>
Wine pH	<b>3.42</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>
Notes	<b>Sustainable, Vegetarian, Practising Biodynamic, Practising Organic, Vegan</b>