

HENSCHKE



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Stephen and Prue Henschke

Winemaker: Stephen Henschke, Johann Henschke

Total acreage under vine: 260

Estate founded: 1868

Region: Eden Valley

Country: Australia

Henschke The Wheelwright 2021

WINE DESCRIPTION

The Wheelwright pays tribute to the founding fathers of the Henschke winery and vineyards, winemaker Johann Christian Henschke. He was among the first generation of the early Barossa German pioneers of South Australia, and established the family winery in 1868. Johann Christian arrived as a skilled stonemason and wheelwright and planted his first vineyards in the high country of the picturesque Eden Valley. The wine is produced from Old-Vine Shiraz planted a century later, in 1968, by fourth generation Cyril Henschke.

The Wheelwright comes from 50 year old vines on deep sandy loam over prismatic clay. It is the coolest of the four Henschke vineyard sites where they grow Shiraz giving the wine a distinct and focused red fruits character. A composed, cool, and long season for the 2017 vintage brought out the purity and vibrance of the wines, and provided for ageability of up to 40 years.

TASTING NOTES

Medium garnet with crimson hues. Lifted aromas of red plum, red currant, blue and black berries, rose hip and black pepper, with notes of bay leaf, sage, crushed flowering herbs, anise and hints of cedar. The palate is rich and plush, deep and concentrated with layers of spicy red cherry and red currant, interwoven with anise and vanilla. Balanced acidity gives freshness and poise, finishing with elegant, velvety, fine-grained tannins for a long fruit-driven finish.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Vineyard name: Wheelwright Vineyard

Harvest time: April

Average Wine Age: 50+ years

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition: 100% Shiraz

Length of aging before bottling: 18 months

Total SO2: 101 mg/L

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH level: 3.47

Residual sugar: 1 g/L

Acidity: 6.4 g/L