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2019 KEYNETON EUPHONIUM

GRAPE VARIETY
52% shiraz, 25% cabernet sauvignon, 12% cabernet franc and 11% merlot grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley regions).

TECHNICAL DETAILS
Harvest Date: 26 February – 16 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.59 | Acidity: 6.1g/L

MATURATION
Matured in 17% new and 83% seasoned (80% French, 20% American) oak hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION
Deep crimson with a dark ruby core. Fragrant and spicy aromas of blackberry, blueberry, fresh plum, cassis, violets, black pepper, sage and bay leaf with underlying notes of cedar, charcuterie, baking spices and anise. The palate is rich, plush and complex, with layers of dark forest fruits, plum and spicy pepper, balanced by fresh acidity and carried by fine-grained tannins for a long and elegant finish.

BACKGROUND
Keyneton Euphonium is a beautiful composition of shiraz from up to 50-year-old vines growing in the Eden and Barossa Valleys, blended with cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and merlot from selected vineyards in both regions. The Barossa hills village of Keyneton, established by pastoralist Joseph Keynes in 1842, was a musical and cultural focus for the community, and home to the Henschke Family Brass Band and Henschke Winery. The band was founded in 1888 by second-generation Paul Gotthard Henschke and later led by third-generation Paul Alfred Henschke, featuring wonderful wind instruments such as a B flat euphonium, cornet and E flat clarinet. The B flat euphonium was produced by the famous Zimmermann factory in Leipzig, Germany, in the late 19th century. The instruments were imported by musical entrepreneur, Carl Engel of Adelaide in the late 1800s and have been lovingly restored to remain in the care of the Henschke family.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION
Vintage 2019 shaped up to be a challenging one, with below-average yields, however the quality was very high, with beautiful expressions of varietal character and generally good balance and structure. The hand-picked fruit that arrived at the winery in the cool of the morning was clean, with good concentrated flavours. A dry winter, spring and summer with warmer than average temperatures in January and February lead to the advancement of maturity of all grape varieties in the Eden Valley and an early onset of vintage. The later-ripening varieties, riesling and cabernet were standouts, however most varieties were of a very high standard, including shiraz despite miniscule yields.

ACCOLADES
2022 Barossa Wine Show – Top Gold

CELLARING POTENTIAL
Excellent vintage;
25+ years (from vintage).

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