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2020 KEYNETON EUPHONIUM

GRAPE VARIETY
65% shiraz, 31% cabernet sauvignon and 4% cabernet franc grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley regions).

TECHNICAL DETAILS
Harvest Date: 2 March – 2 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.64 | Acidity: 6.33g/L

MATURATION
Matured in 62% French and 38% American oak, consisting of 2% new French oak puncheons and 98% seasoned French and American oak hogsheads, for 18 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION
Dark crimson with garnet hues. Intense aromas of raspberry, blackberry, cassis, vanilla flower and dark chocolate with lifted notes of anise, black pepper and cedar. A rich and focussed palate opens with elegant red and black fruits entwined with hints of cocoa, crushed herbs and baking spices, balanced by bright acidity and fine-grained tannins for a long, lingering 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
The 2020 vintage will be remembered for excellent quality wines from the Barossa Valley, albeit reduced yields caused by poor conditions at flowering and the extremely dry winter, spring and summer of 2019/2020. The 2019 winter and spring resulted in the driest start to the growing season ever, in line with 1939 and 1961. November was a troubling month with some frosts and wet and windy conditions during flowering. Significant heatwaves from mid-December to the end of January reduced shoot growth and berry size, however at the end of the month around 40mm of rain fell, alleviating the stress just before veraison, followed by a cool ripening period in February with just three days over 30°C. Vintage was early, beginning in late February and finishing by late March. The fruit ripened in near perfect conditions, resulting in optimal and excellent wine quality (colour, aromatics, flavours and tannin maturity). Bunches were in loose, open and pristine bunches, while the yield remained quite low, at about 50% of average. The 2020 red wines are intense in colour, exceptionally fragrant, spicy and well-structured.

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

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