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OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2021 FIVE SHILLINGS

GRAPE VARIETY
76% shiraz and 24% mataro grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley).

TECHNICAL DETAILS
Harvest Date: 29 March - 29 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.53 | Acidity: 5.6g/L

MATURATION
Matured in 95% seasoned and 5% new (86% French, 14% American) oak hogsheads for 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION
Deep crimson with violet hues. Fragrant blueberry, dark plum, ripe mulberry and blackcurrant, revealing anise, Dutch chocolate, fennel, mace and nutmeg. The palate is rich lush and concentrated, with layers of spiced plum and currant over liquorice and musk, excellent balance and textural, chalky tannins driving depth and length.

BACKGROUND
Five Shillings pays tribute to Paul Gotthard, second-generation Henschke winemaker and a member of the early Barossa Silesian community of South Australia. In 1862 he and his father, Johann Christian, established the Henschke winery in the high country of the Eden Valley's historic North Rhine district, planted seven acres of vines, and in 1868 sold the first wines. In 1873, after a transfer of five shillings, he continued on the winemaking tradition from his father and began to build a reputation for quality wines. Among the first wines they produced in the 1860s were 'dry white' (likely made from riesling) and 'dry red' (likely made from shiraz and mataro). This wine replicates the blend of Gotthard's early 'dry reds' and is produced from low yielding, ungrafted, biodynamically grown Eden Valley shiraz planted on 540 million-year-old red-brown earths, and blended with mataro grown on the sandy soils of the Barossa Valley.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION
Average winter rainfall was followed by minor frost events late in September and spring rains in early October. Budburst was even with good fruitfulness although heat bursts in late November affected fruit set. Strong winds in early December caused some damage to the canopies but the fruit remained disease free. January was mild and dry with a short heat wave late in the month at veraison, followed by rainfall in early February. The lead up to vintage and conditions during ripening remained cool, cloudy but dry. The fruit showing balanced acidity, excellent colour and great flavour development.

CELLARING POTENTIAL
Exceptional vintage;
20+ years (from vintage).

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