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## 2022 HENRY'S SEVEN

### GRAPE VARIETY

72% shiraz, 15% grenache, 11% mataro and 2% viognier grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley regions).

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 22 March - 3 May | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.42 | Acidity: 6.25g/L

### MATURATION

Viognier co-fermented with shiraz; grenache and mataro fermented separately. Matured in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 8 months prior to blending and bottling.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep crimson with violet hues. Fragrant aromas of raspberry, plum and boysenberry are layered with notes of sage, black pepper, mace and cocoa, and floral nuances of vanilla flower. A rich and supple palate of dark plum, cherry and crushed blackberry flavours is well-balanced by vibrant acidity and fine, savoury tannins that lead to a long, peppery finish.

### BACKGROUND

This shiraz, grenache, mataro and viognier blend is a tribute to Henry Evans who planted the first vineyard of seven acres at Keyneton in 1853. He quickly developed a reputation for producing the best wines in the southern colony. Following Henry's death in 1868, his widow Sarah exercised her temperance convictions by closing the winery and uprooting all of the wine grapes. This blend highlights the historical introduction of southern French and Spanish varieties to South Australia in those early days of viticulture and reflects the history, religion and culture of the Barossa.

### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Above average 2021 winter rainfall helped to refill soil profiles and the cool, slow start to the growing season resulted in budburst occurring slightly later than average. A frost event occurred on 11 October, followed by an extreme hail event on 28 October, and the cold and wet weather mid-November coincided with flowering, and impacted fruit-set and potential yields. December and January provided a burst of summer heat, however at the beginning of vintage another severe weather event dealt a deluge of rain and even more hail to some parts of the region. While mild and dry conditions followed, the cumulative impacts of the season's weather events resulted in lower yields across the region. The 2022 wines show great aromatics, balance of acidity and a bright core of flavour.

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;
15+ years (from vintage).

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