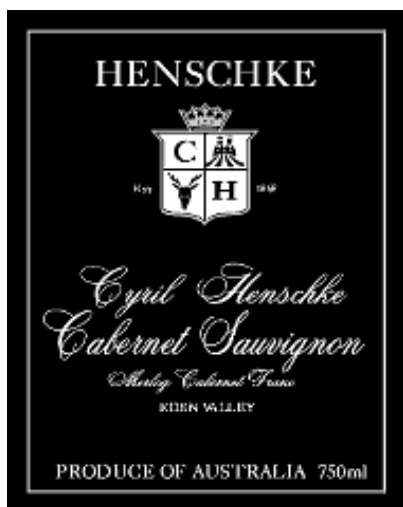




# HENSCHKE

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## CYRIL HENSCHKE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 1999

### *Grape Variety*

70% cabernet sauvignon, 15% merlot and 15% cabernet franc grapes grown in the Henschke Eden Valley estate vineyard.

### *Background*

The cabernet sauvignon label continues to carry the name Cyril Henschke (1924-1979) as a tribute to one of Australia's outstanding winemakers and pioneers in the production of varietal table wines. Cyril Henschke planted cabernet at Eden Valley in the late 1960s.

### *Vintage Description*

The latter part of spring led into one of the hottest summers on record, with virtually no rain. The drought conditions resulted in smaller berry size producing spicy dark intense reds. Tropical cyclones Elaine and Vance brought unseasonal rains in mid March, causing widespread botrytis problems requiring careful handpicking. 1999 proved to be another challenging vintage for Eden Valley although the final quality results made it worthwhile.

### *Wine Description*

Deep crimson in colour. Sweet lifted cassis, redcurrant, anise, tar, violets and cedar with liqueur chocolate hints. A complex bouquet of bright black briary forest berry fruits with lush dusty aromas. Sweet fruit, rich, complex, compact, concentrated palate with fruit and dusty tannins; fleshy with firm fine-grained chewy tannins on the very long finish.

### *Cellaring Potential*

Great vintage, optimum year 2009.

### *Serving Ideas*

Roast leg of lamb with double-peeled broad beans or fresh peas with thyme butter.

### *Technical Data*

Harvest date:	28-30 April
Alcohol:	14.3
pH	3.37
Acid:	6.2

TASTING NOTES