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This blend from Henschke celebrates tradition and terroir, combining Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot to create a wine of exceptional depth and balance.

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Keyneton Estate Euphonium 2021

Eden Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The Henschke Keyneton Estate Euphonium is sourced from the **Barossa and Eden Valleys**, two of South Australia's most renowned wine regions.

- The **Eden Valley** is known for its high-altitude vineyards, with elevations that provide cooler temperatures and longer growing seasons, which help to preserve the natural acidity and aromatic complexity of the grapes.
- The **Barossa Valley**, on the other hand, offers a warmer climate and rich soils that contribute to the intensity and depth of flavor in the wines.

The vineyards benefit from a variety of soil types, including **loamy sands and red-brown earth over clay**, which provide excellent drainage and optimal conditions for vine growth. The combination of these diverse terroirs allows the Henschke family to produce grapes of exceptional quality, which are then meticulously blended to create the Keyneton Estate Euphonium.

Winemaking

The Keyneton Estate Euphonium is composed of **65% Shiraz, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, and 3% Merlot**. The grapes are harvested from mid-March to late April, ensuring each variety is picked at optimal ripeness. The winemaking process begins with fermentation in **traditional open-top concrete fermenters**, allowing for gentle extraction of flavors and tannins. The wine undergoes **full malolactic fermentation**, enhancing its richness and texture.

Following fermentation, the wine is matured for **18 months in 20% new and 80% seasoned French and American oak hogsheads**, which adds layers of complexity and integrates the oak seamlessly with the fruit. This careful aging process results in a wine that is both powerful and elegant, with the capacity to age gracefully for over 25 years .

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep crimson with vibrant ruby hues.
- **Aroma**: Lifted aromas of ripe blackberry, blackcurrant, cassis, Satsuma plum, blueberry, anise, and violets, with hints of black pepper and cedar.
- **Palate**: Rich and concentrated flavors of dark plum, blackberry, and blackcurrant, with a pure, plush, and focused mid-palate. Bright, balanced acidity and excellent length, carried by fine-grained, ripe tannins.

Did you know?

The Keyneton Euphonium is named in honor of the Henschke Family Brass Band, which was founded in 1888 by second-generation Paul Gotthard Henschke. The band featured various wind instruments, including a **B-flat euphonium** produced by the famous Zimmermann factory in Leipzig, Germany, in the late 19th century. These instruments were imported to Australia by Carl Engel, a musical entrepreneur, and have been lovingly restored and preserved by the Henschke family .

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised Short Ribs with Polenta**: The rich, tender meat and creamy polenta create a perfect match for the wine's concentrated fruit flavors and fine tannins.
- **Mushroom and Truffle Risotto**: The earthy and aromatic notes of truffles and mushrooms enhance the wine's complex bouquet and velvety texture.
- **Pork Tenderloin with Figs and Balsamic Reduction**: The sweetness of the figs and the tangy balsamic glaze complement the wine's vibrant acidity and dark fruit character.
- **Lamb Tagine with Apricots and Almonds**: The exotic spices and sweetness of apricots in this North African dish pair beautifully with the wine's spice notes and balanced structure.

95 James Halliday

James Halliday (JH) : 95 Points (2018)

Detail is a wonderful thing. If you stick your nose in the glass and close your eyes, perhaps tilt your head just so, you can pick out the individual components of this wine, yet they mesh together perfectly. Juicy berry and plum fruits, abundant spice, fine-grind tannin grip, a fine lacy acid line and an elegant, perfectly poised, slow fade out of pure fruit.

95 WineEnthusiast

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 95 Points (2018)

Euphonium is a blend of Shiraz, both Cabs and Merlot, all from old vines. In typical Henschke style, it's distinctively aromatic. Chinese Five Spice, beetroot and green peppercorn weave between red- and black-berry fruit. The pal- ate is powerful with lovely tangy acidity, a satiny quality to the fruit and a frame of fine, dusty tannins. Drinking with ease now, this could continue to age for 7-8 years more.

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James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2018)

Spicy and creamy shiraz-based blend with velvety tannins framing a silky core of dark fruit, licorice, cloves, grilled herbs and spices. Five spice and smoked paprika coming through. Full-bodied yet elegant.

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