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Henschke Hill of Grace 2021 is a majestic Eden Valley Shiraz, uniting ancient-vine depth, silken tannins, dark fruit, spice and extraordinary cellaring promise.

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Eden Valley, Australia

### Region and Vineyards

Hill of Grace comes from Eden Valley in South Australia, within the wider Barossa zone, yet its altitude gives the wine a cooler, more fragrant and more sculpted identity. The vineyard sits at about **400 metres** elevation, in a shallow fertile valley north-west of the Henschke winery, opposite the old Gnadenberg Lutheran Church. Gnadenberg, a Silesian name, means "Hill of Grace."

The site is one of Australia's most treasured single vineyards. Shiraz vines were planted around the 1860s by Nicolaus Stanitzki, with the oldest vines now more than 150 years old and the average vine age around 100 years. The soils are alluvial sandy loam over clay, with red-brown earth grading to deep silty loam, giving valuable moisture-holding capacity for **dry-grown vines**. The vineyard is nurtured under biodynamic principles.

### Winemaking

Henschke Hill of Grace 2021 is made from **100% Shiraz**, sourced exclusively from the Hill of Grace Vineyard. The first single-vineyard Shiraz from this site was made by Cyril Henschke in 1958, using handpicked grapes vinified in traditional open-top fermenters. That historic approach remains central to the wine's identity, allowing fruit purity, structure and site expression to lead.

The 2021 vintage was fermented in traditional open-top concrete tanks and completed full malolactic fermentation. It was matured for **18 months in hogsheads**, using 86% French and 14% American oak, with 33% new and 67% seasoned barrels. The wine is dry, with 0.8 g/L residual sugar, 6.3 g/L acidity, pH 3.49 and 14.5% alcohol. The result is concentrated yet finely balanced, with freshness, polish and long-term ageing potential.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Syrah



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### Tasting Notes

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- **Color:** Dark crimson with deep garnet hues, showing impressive concentration and youthful depth.
- **Aroma:** A concentrated bouquet of mulberry, blackberry and dark plum, layered with savoury notes of charcuterie, cedar, sage, five spice and subtle anise.
- **Palate:** Plush, velvety and deeply fruited, with plum, red currant, blackberry and anise. Silky tannins build through a refined structure, leading to an exceptionally long finish.

### Did you know?

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Hill of Grace is one of Australia's most evocative vineyard names. It comes from Gnadenberg, meaning "Hill of Grace," the name of the nearby Lutheran church and a reference to a picturesque region in Silesia. The oldest Shiraz vines, planted around the 1860s, make this vineyard a living monument to **old-vine Australian wine heritage**.

### Wine Pairing Ideas

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- **Slow-roasted lamb shoulder with rosemary and garlic:** The wine's dark fruit, sage and spice notes mirror the aromatics of the dish, while its tannins handle the richness.
- **Dry-aged ribeye with peppercorn jus:** The depth of blackberry and plum, supported by fine tannins, makes a powerful match for marbled beef.
- **Venison loin with blackberry and juniper sauce:** Game and dark berry flavours highlight the wine's savoury, spicy and forest-fruit dimensions.
- **Wild mushroom and truffle risotto:** Earthy umami tones bring out the cedar, spice and savoury complexity of this refined Shiraz.



#### James Suckling (JS) : 99 Points (2021)

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*Incredibly fresh and refined, with deeply brooding notes of dark plums, mocha, graphite, five spice and cured meat. The palate is ultra-refined and pure, with balanced acidity, seamlessly integrated tannins and a creamy texture...It is truly exceptional, and is an icon of Australia for a reason.*



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### **Robert Parker (RP) : 98 Points (2021)**

*The 2021 Hill of Grace Shiraz comes from a vineyard that sits at 400 meters above sea level—a beautiful, remote-feeling place. The vineyard is picked block by block, defined by vine age, soil types, elevation and position within the vineyard. The older vines within the vineyard tend to hold their acidity and retain lower pH with higher natural acidity than the younger vines, which also assists in determining the parcels. "Ironically, this is the simplest wine to make; it's the vineyard that produces the wine like this. It's due to the work in the vineyard over many generations," says Stephen Henschke. So, to the wine. It is pure and fine, with a languid pool of fruit that is characterized by black silty tannins and persistent, seamless length. This speaks of the ancient place, the rocks, the vines. This is just a magnificent, graceful wine here, one that is "immune to hyperbole," as they say. 14.5% alcohol, sealed under screw cap. The Wheelwright vineyard has 50-year-old vines, Mount Edelstone is over 100 years old, and the ancestor vines in the Hill of Grace vineyard are over 150 years old.*



### **Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 98 Points (2021)**

*The palate is quite extraordinary, particularly the quality of tannins, pithy texture and strident composure, which drive a finish of extreme length and are all accented by deep minerality. The 2021 is a star in the making and easily the best vintage since 2018.*



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