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Showcasing the meticulous craftsmanship of Henschke, the Cyril Henschke Cabernet offers a sublime balance of rich fruit and sophisticated structure.

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Cyril Henschke Cabernet 2021

Eden Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

Eden Valley, part of the larger Barossa Zone in South Australia, is renowned for its high-altitude vineyards and cooler climate. The region's **elevation** up to 600 meters above sea level and **rolling hills** provide an ideal environment for premium viticulture. The **sandy loam soils over gravel and bedrock with patches of clay** offer excellent drainage and vine stress, contributing to the intense flavors and structure in the wines.

The **Henschke Eden Valley vineyard**, established in the 1960s, is meticulously managed using biodynamic principles, ensuring the health and vitality of the vines. The vineyard's **north-facing slope** captures optimal sunlight, aiding in the development of rich, concentrated fruit.

Winemaking

The Henschke Cyril Henschke Cabernet is crafted from **100% Cabernet Sauvignon** grapes, which were harvested at the peak of ripeness. The winemaking process begins with fermentation in **traditional open-top concrete tanks**, allowing for gentle extraction of color, flavor, and tannins. Following fermentation, the wine undergoes **full malolactic fermentation**, which imparts a creamy texture and enhances the wine's complexity.

The wine is then aged for **18 months in 32% new and 68% seasoned French oak hogsheads**, a choice that balances the infusion of oak characteristics without overpowering the varietal expression. This careful ageing process contributes to the wine's depth, structure, and longevity.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Dark garnet with ruby hues.
- **Aroma**: Fragrant and perfumed with thyme, marjoram, cassis, blackcurrant, blackberry compote, and violets, complemented by hints of cedar, nutmeg, dark chocolate, and pepper.
- **Palate**: A deep and textural palate featuring fresh redcurrant, plum, bay leaf, and dark baking spices, supported by refreshing acidity and fine cocoa-dusted tannins for an endless finish.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot

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Did you know?

The Cyril Henschke Cabernet Sauvignon is named after **Stephen Henschke's father, Cyril Henschke (1924-1979)**, who was a pioneering figure in Australian winemaking. Cyril planted the original Cabernet Sauvignon vines in the late 1960s, and the wine has been produced as a single-vineyard expression since 1978, celebrating the vineyard's unique terroir and the family's commitment to quality and innovation .

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Wagyu Rump Cap with Crispy Tofu, Pickled Radish, and Eel Sauce**: The rich umami flavors of Wagyu beef and eel sauce complement the wine's depth and tannic structure.
- **Herb-Crusted Lamb Chops**: The aromatic herbs enhance the wine's complex bouquet, while the lamb's richness matches the robust palate.
- **Roast Duck with Plum Sauce**: The sweet and savory plum sauce echoes the wine's dark fruit notes, creating a harmonious pairing.
- **Aged Cheddar**: The sharp, tangy flavors of aged cheddar balance the wine's richness and accentuate its lingering finish.

96 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 96 Points (2018)

Beautiful, attractive cabernet characters with cigars, tobacco leaf, currants, savory tapenade and sweet roasted chili peppers. Cocoa powder and star anise, too. Intense, but remaining fluid with a bright, red-fruited center palate followed by a lengthy, layered finish, full of Spanish chocolate and cigar box characters. Lasting almost a minute.

96 James Halliday

James Halliday (JH) : 96 Points (2018)

Some of the vines for this wine were planted by Cyril Henschke back in the 1960s. Matured in French oak (10% new) for 18 months. Bright blackberry and blackcurrant fruits with top notes of redcurrant and red cherry. Olive tapenade, cedar, light briar notes and mountain herbs. Fine lacy acidity and tight, powdery tannin provide the frame, and there is no doubt that this release will age magnificently. (3/2023)

94 WineEnthusiast

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 94 Points (2018)

Oh-so-Henschke in style, this distinctive Cab is rich and lucid, with a heady nose of stewed plums and blackcurrant cordial, and an underbelly of iodine and beet root, that leads to a silky, succulent palate that's laced with ripe, chalky, tannins, and a blackberry finish. A few years of bottle age puts this in a sexy spot now, but it can go another decade at least.