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This complex and harmonious red wine honors the memory of Henry Evans, offering an exquisite fusion of Shiraz, Grenache, Mataro, and Viognier from the renowned Barossa wine region.

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Henry's Seven 2023

Barossa Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The Henschke Henry's Seven is sourced from multiple vineyards in the Eden Valley and Barossa Valley regions of the Barossa Zone in South Australia. This area is renowned for its ideal climatic conditions and diverse soils, which support the cultivation of high-quality grape varieties. The **elevation of the vineyards**, ranging from 274 to 500 meters, creates a favorable microclimate that allows for slow and balanced grape maturation, preserving their freshness and aromatic complexity.

The vineyard soils are composed of **grey/brown clays, red-brown earth, and yellow sands over sandy loam with gravel and bedrock**, providing excellent drainage and optimal conditions for viticulture. This soil diversity contributes to the richness and complexity of the wines produced, allowing the grape varieties to express themselves fully. The viticultural practices are meticulously managed, adhering to sustainable principles to ensure the health of the vines and the quality of the grapes.

Winemaking

Henry's Seven is a blend of **72% Shiraz, 15% Grenache, 11% Mataro, and 2% Viognier**. The distinctive winemaking process includes co-fermenting the Viognier with Shiraz, which imparts a unique aromatic dimension and silky texture to the wine. The Grenache and Mataro are fermented separately in **traditional open-top concrete tanks**, allowing for gentle and even extraction of aromas and tannins.

After fermentation, the wine undergoes a **full malolactic fermentation**, which softens the acidity and enhances the texture. The wine is then aged for **8 months in seasoned French oak hogsheads**, allowing the flavors to integrate and the tannins to harmonize. This carefully controlled aging process results in a wine of great finesse and complexity, ready for enjoyment upon bottling.

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep crimson with violet hues.
- **Aroma**: Fragrant with aromas of raspberry, plum, and boysenberry, accompanied by notes of sage, black pepper, mace, and cocoa, with floral hints of vanilla flower.
- **Palate**: Rich and supple, with flavors of dark plum, cherry, and crushed blackberry, balanced by vibrant acidity and fine, savory tannins leading to a long, peppery finish.

Did you know?

This wine pays tribute to **Henry Evans**, who planted the first vineyard of seven acres at Keyneton in 1853. Quickly recognized for producing the best wines in the southern colony, his legacy was interrupted after his death in 1868 when his widow, Sarah, closed the estate and uprooted the vines due to her temperance convictions. This blend highlights the historical introduction of southern French and Spanish varieties to South Australia during the early days of viticulture, reflecting the history, religion, and culture of the Barossa .

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Ribeye Steak**: The richness of the grilled red meat and smoky flavors perfectly complement the wine's tannic structure and spicy aromas.
- **Cassoulet Toulousain**: This traditional French dish of white beans and confit meats finds an excellent partner in Henry's Seven, whose vibrant acidity and fine tannins balance the richness of the cassoulet.
- **Seafood and Chorizo Paella**: The complex flavors of paella, with its seafood and spicy chorizo, harmonize beautifully with the wine's red and black fruit notes.
- **Eggplant Parmigiana**: This Italian dish of eggplant, tomato, and melted cheese is enhanced by the plum, cherry, and peppery nuances of Henry's Seven.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2022)

The 2022 Henry's Seven leads with a vibrant core of raspberry seed and bramble, five spice and blood plum skin. In the mouth, the fruit is supple and spicy and expounds a brilliant clarity of tannin. Ductile, whippy and delicious, it has raspberry leaf tea and rose petals to close. There are also notes of pink peppercorns, as per usual. This is a gorgeous wine.

93 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2022)

A southern Rhone blend, infused with a dollop of viognier. Scents of purple pastille, raspberry bon-bon, rose water and eucalyptus, quintessentially Australian. The tannins, finely wrought. The oak, embedded nicely. This is a large-framed wine of impressive freshness, if not a slightly drying finish.

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Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 95 Points (2021)

From an excellent vintage, this 20th anniversary bottling of Henry's Seven is a beauty and is comparatively affordable to boot. It offers layers of winter-warming aromas, from cherry and raspberry compote to savory, ground-pepper spice and toasted vanilla bean. The palate shows lovely mouth-watering freshness and red berry tang amidst chiseled, textural tannins. A finessed and complete wine for drinking now, this should also evolve beautifully over the next several years.Editors' Choice

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