

HENSCHKE



Tasting Notes

Wine and Vintage

Hill of Grace 1986 Museum Release

Grape Variety

100% shiraz grapes from pre-phylloxera material brought from Europe by the early settlers in the mid 1800s and grown in the Eden Valley wine region.

Background

Hill of Grace is a unique delineated single historic vineyard. The famous century-old Hill of Grace vines were planted around the 1860s by an ancestor, Nicolaus Stanitzki, in rich alluvial soil in a shallow fertile valley just north-west of the winery. The vineyard lies opposite a beautiful old Lutheran Church, built of local field stone, which was euphoniously named Gnadenberg, meaning 'Hill of Grace'.

Vintage Description

After a relatively dry winter there were welcome late rains. Spring was mild providing perfect conditions for flowering and berry set followed by a cool dry summer, ideal for ripening. The vintage proved exceptional quality with good yields.

Wine Description

Brick red in colour. Complex, with sweet plums and cherries, showing exotic leather, mint, cocoa and vanilla aromas. The palate is sweet and rich with soft mid-notes, velvety tannins and great length.

Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage, optimum year 2011. Reviewed April 2002. Decant before serving.

Serving Ideas

Technical Data

Harvest date:	2-7 May
Alcohol:	12.5
pH:	3.56
Acid:	5.8