



## KEYNETON ESTATE EUPHONIUM 2004

### *Grape Varieties*

40% shiraz, 25% cabernet sauvignon, 25% merlot, and 10% cabernet franc grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley).

### *Vintage Description*

The average winter rainfall this season was a welcome relief after 2003's fourth-worst drought in history. A relatively frost-free, wet warm and thundery spring followed, creating a natural 'greenhouse' effect. The vines grew vigorously, flowered and in general set a large crop. December was the hottest for 10 years, however at the start of 2004 the weather became mild and windy and the vines thrived under virtually no heat stress. At the start of February searing heat caused sunburn and significant crop losses. New records were broken with South Australia experiencing its hottest day ever. Fortunately March returned the region to glorious sunny days and cold dewy nights, with a couple of minor rain events, allowing the fruit to ripen under near perfect conditions. The vintage was almost as late as 2002 with good yields and excellent fruit quality.

### *Wine Description*

Deep crimson in colour. Spicy sweet aromas of plums, anise, blueberries and cassis with hints of smoky tar, vanilla, cedar and minty nuances. The palate is sweet and ripe with lush blackberry fruits, complex with excellent depth and concentration, velvety fine-grained tannins and excellent length.

### *Cellaring Potential*

Excellent vintage, drink now to 2011.

### *Serving Idea*

Penang curry of grilled beef.

### *Technical Data*

Harvest date: 15 March-14 May  
 Alcohol: 14.5%  
 pH: 3.6  
 Acid: 6.2g/l

### *Background*

The Barossa hills village of Keyneton was pioneered by pastoralist Joseph Keynes in 1842. It became a musical and cultural focus for early settlers, such as the Henschke Family Brass Band and the Henschke Winery. This brass band survived generations and featured wonderful wind instruments such as a B flat euphonium, cornet and E flat clarinet, which have been restored and are still in the family. The historic Keyneton district has been the home of up to seven wineries during its period of settlement.

### *The Euphonium*

The B flat euphonium, a large brass wind instrument, was made by the famous Zimmermann factory in Leipzig, Germany, in the late 19th Century. A musical entrepreneur, Carl Engel of Adelaide, was responsible for importing musical instruments into South Australia at this time. It has a deep amber coloured lacquer and is adorned with decorative metalwork on the body and slides not seen on more recent instruments. Again it has a warmer and more subtle tone quality than its modern counterparts.



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