



2014 Elephant Hill Hieronymus

The Icons are the pinnacle of Elephant Hill's winemaking philosophy. They are fine and rare wines with great complexity and depth and are made not only because of their exceptional quality but because they are special and unique.

This wine pays homage to a famous ancestor of the Weiss family, Hieronymus Ebner von Eschenbach, Lord Mayor of Nuremberg 1514- 1524.

VINTAGE

Climatically 2014 was an exceptional vintage giving us the quality of grapes good enough to make one of our Icon wines, Hieronymus. Purposely held back and released after 17 months in bottle and four years after vintage.

WINEMAKING NOTES

There were three different hand picks from 1 to 15 April. The Merlot making up 46% of the wine and 44% of Malbec are all from our Bridge Pa Triangle Vineyard. The remaining is 10 % of Cabernet Sauvignon from our Gimblett Gravels Vineyard. The grapes were sorted multiple times, once in the vineyard, then by the optical sorter and finally by hand. Attention to detail and a real focus on very specific high quality grapes were selected. The Merlot and the Malbec were co-fermented and the Cabernet Sauvignon fermented separately, all in open top oak cives. The wine was then drained with no pressing. The elevelage for this wine was 27 months in 67% new French oak.

It is rich, ripe and unctuous, a balanced wine with underlying power and length. It is layered and complex and shows characters of black plum, blackberry and savoury herbs. The oak, tannins and acidity combine to give a structure that compliments the fruit and will allow this wine to improve for many years to come.

TECHNICAL INFO

Alc: 14%
TA: 5.1g/L
Dry Extract: 33g/L
RS: <1 g/L

ACCOLADES

20/20 points
- Raymond Chan Wine Review
96 points - Bob Campbell MW
97 points - Sam Kim, Wine Orbit
5 stars - Michael Cooper