



# HENSCHKE

150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



## 2017 GILES PINOT NOIR

### GRAPE VARIETY

100% pinot noir grapes grown on Stephen and Prue Henschke's Lenswood vineyard in the Adelaide Hills, planted in the mid-1980s.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 23 March - 13 April | Alcohol: 13% | pH: 3.54 | Acidity: 5.9g/L

### MATURATION

Matured in 16% new and 84% seasoned French barriques for 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Bright pale-garnet with cherry-red hues. Alluring spicy aromas of red cherries, red currants, wild berries and rosehip with supporting nuances of strawberry leaf, dried herbs, musk and baking spices. Rich and textural, the palate shows flavours of wild forest fruits, black cherries and hints of fennel, with precise acidity forming a tight mineral core, and elegant, fine tannins leading to a long, savoury finish.

### BACKGROUND

In 1981, fifth-generation winemaker Stephen, and Prue Henschke purchased a property in the Adelaide Hills; the vineyard was originally part of a beautiful valley of apple orchards and natural forest that were destroyed by the Ash Wednesday bushfires in 1983. The Lenswood vineyard slopes offer not only beautiful views towards the older vine country, but also provide enough sunshine to fully ripen the grapes, together with cooler temperatures to retain natural acidity. The pinot noir vineyard has been named after Charles Giles, an early pioneer whose descendants had managed the property as an apple orchard since 1864.

### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Extremely heavy winter rainfall and ferocious spring winds and hail set up one of the most challenging vintages we have ever experienced at Lenswood. Flowering was late, occurring in December rather than November, in rare calm and sunny weather which set us up for good yields. The conditions post-Christmas were characterised by elevated evening temperatures, heavy rain every four days, foggy mornings and low day time temperatures. Harvest started in March; three weeks later than usual. By Easter, all Adelaide Hills whites and our pinot noir were safely in the winery, and in excellent condition despite 760mm falling during the growing season. This was a vintage saved in the vineyard by the outstanding work of the Adelaide Hills viticultural team under extremely trying conditions, with results that exceeded expectations. The Lenswood vineyard continues to show enormous resilience, and the soil health no doubt plays an important role in the beautiful wines created in 2017.

### ACCOLADES

2019 The Drinks Business Global Pinot Noir Masters - Silver Medal



### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage,  
20+ years (from vintage).

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