



# HENSCHKE

*Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards*



## Lenswood Abbotts Prayer 2010

### Grape Variety

68% merlot and 32% cabernet sauvignon grapes grown on Stephen and Prue Henschke's Lenswood vineyard in the Adelaide Hills.

### Technical Details

Harvest Date: 7-14 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.49 | Acidity: 6.8g/L

### Maturation

Matured in 75% new and 25% seasoned French hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling.

### Background

Fifth-generation winemaker Stephen Henschke and his wife Prue selected Lenswood in 1981 as a new vineyard site, just 50km from the ancient Mount Edelstone and Hill of Grace vineyards in the Eden Valley. At 550m, the Lenswood vineyard slopes offer not only beautiful views toward the old vine country but also higher rainfall and humidity at the right time of year, cooler temperatures to retain natural acidity, and still enough sunshine to fully ripen the grapes. The Abbotts Prayer label links together the history, religion and pioneers of this mountainous region. The property along Coldstore Road, including the vineyards in the area originally known as Abbotts Flat, was established in the late 1800s and pioneered by the first settler, T N Mitchell.

### Vintage Description

The 2010 Adelaide Hills vintage received above average winter rainfall. A two-week heat wave experienced across South Australia in November had less impact on the vines in the Adelaide Hills, as it was less severe and occurred pre-flowering. Rain continued through until midsummer and was recorded as one of the wettest seasons for many years. Like Eden Valley, the vintage in the Hills was a week earlier than 2009. Powdery mildew was more prevalent due to the very humid conditions experienced throughout the summer, which was a good test for the organic and biodynamic strategies. The earlier vintage without the extremes in temperature produced high quality fruit with great flavour and fine acids, but did affect the quantity with average yields.

### Wine Description

Deep crimson in colour. Enticing, complex aromas of dark, briary wild fruits, mulberries and red currants entwine with spicy forest herbs, beef stock and chocolate. The palate is powerful, commanding attention to the rich layers of black fruits, mulberry, violets and spices, while the sophisticated, fine-grained tannins carry the wine to the very back of the palate for a long and smooth finish.

### Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,  
20+ years (from vintage).

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