



HENSCHKE

Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

Lenswood Abbotts Prayer 2001

Grape Variety

86% merlot and 9% cabernet sauvignon and 5% cabernet franc grapes grown on Stephen and Prue Henschke's Lenswood vineyard in the Adelaide Hills.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 20 April-10 May | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.46 | Acidity: 5.9g/L

Maturation

Matured in new and seasoned French hogsheads for 21 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

Good winter and spring rains continued onto our hottest summer on record. Occasional timely thunderstorms offered a few millimetres of wonderful refreshing rain. Vintage began two to three weeks early providing only average yields but exceptional quality.

Wine Description

Crimson with brick-red hues. An attractive nose of mulberries, wild forest berries, plums, cassis, violets, cedar and mocha, with complex nuances of forest floor and polished leather that have resulted from over a decade of bottle development. The richly fruited palate shows concentrated and vibrant blueberries, plums and red currants, while well-balanced acidity and finely integrated French oak provide layers of texture with beautiful intensity and velvety tannins that linger on the finish.



Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,
25+ years (from vintage).

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