

# HENSCHKE

Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards



# **Lenswood Abbotts Prayer 1995**

## **Grape Variety**

42% merlot, 52% cabernet sauvignon and 6% cabernet franc grapes grown on Stephen and Prue Henschke's Lenswood vineyard in the Adelaide Hills.

#### **Technical Details**

Alcohol: 13.5% | pH: 3.43 | Acidity: 6.2g/L

#### **Background**

Stephen and Prue Henschke, fifth-generation winemakers at the family cellars At Keyneton, selected Lenswood in 1981 as a new vineyard site, just 50km from their ancient Mount Edelstone and Hill of Grace vineyards. At 550m, the Lenswood vineyard slopes offer not only beautiful views towards the older vine country but also higher rainfall and humidity at the right time of the 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.

This property along Coldstore Road, including the vineyard, was pioneered by T N Mitchell, the first settler, and originally known as Abbotts Flat. Vineyards were previously established in this area in the late 1800s.

## **Vintage Description**

A mild dry summer with a late slow start to vintage; exceptional fruit quality with below average yields.

#### Wine Description

Brick red in colour, with a bouquet of sweet, lifted violets, cedar, dusty mulberry jam, chocolate and cassis. A focused palate of sweet red berry fruits, anise and menthol that is lush and layered with a soft velvety feel.

Reviewed August 2009.

# **Cellaring Potential**

Great vintage, drink now to 2012.