



# HENSCHKE

*Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards*

## Lenswood Abbotts Prayer 1994

### Grape Variety

70% merlot, 28% cabernet sauvignon and 2% cabernet franc grapes grown on Stephen and Prue Henschke's Lenswood vineyard in the Adelaide Hills.

### Technical Details

*Harvest Date:* Mid-April | *Alcohol:* 13.7% | *pH:* 3.21 | *Acidity:* 8.8g/L

### Maturation

Matured in new 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

Due to a mild, dry summer there was quite a late, slow start to the 1994 vintage. March temperatures were mild to high, which had a dramatic effect, causing everything to ripen at once. The fruit quality was fantastic, with below average yields and exceptional colours, flavours and acid balance in the reds. The 1994 vintage was one of our best years on record.

### Wine Description

Brick red with ruby hues. Attractive, developed aromas of red currants, mulberries, blueberries, cassis, violets and lavender florals are complemented by herbal overtones and savoury smoked meats, cigar box and soy notes. The enticing palate is lush and complex, with red currant and herbal flavours, a tight line of acidity, beautifully balanced layers of texture and soft, fine tannins.

### Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage, 25+ years (from vintage).

### Reviewed

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