



# HENSCHKE

*Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards*

## Lenswood Abbotts Prayer 1990 (Museum Release)

### Grape Variety

60% merlot and 40% cabernet sauvignon grapes grown on Stephen and Prue Henschke's Lenswood vineyard in the Adelaide Hills.

### Technical Details

Harvest Date: Early April | Alcohol: 13% | pH: 3.41 | Acidity: 6.0g/L

### Maturation

Matured in new and seasoned French hogsheads prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged at Henschke Cellars in Keyneton for museum release.

### Background

Fifth-generation winemaker Stephen Henschke and his wife Prue purchased the property in the Adelaide Hills in 1981. At 550m, the Lenswood vineyards offer not only magnificent views over the traditional vine country but also higher rainfall and humidity at the right time of year, cooler temperatures to retain high natural acidity, and still enough sunshine to fully ripen the grapes. The property along Coldstore Road, including the vineyard, pioneered by the first settler T N Mitchell, was originally known as Abbotts Flat, and the Abbotts Prayer label stands as a tribute to the history, religion and pioneers of this mountainous region

### Vintage Description

The 1990 vintage in the Adelaide Hills was a picture-book season with good winter rains, a perfect mild spring offering ideal flowering conditions and good set. A mild summer provided excellent ripening conditions with no fruit stress. It saw the largest yields on record with excellent colour and fruit balance.

### Wine Description

Crimson in colour with brick red hues. Concentrated aromas of mulberry and blueberry jam with spicy, gamy hints and violet florals. Rich layers of spicy mulberry and leafy plum fruits combine with complex tannins for a long and velvety finish. Still youthful for its age.



### Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage,  
20+ years (from vintage).  
Ideal to drink now.

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