



HENSCHKE

Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

Giles Pinot Noir 1994

Grape Variety

100% pinot noir grapes grown on Stephen and Prue Henschke's Lenswood vineyard in the Adelaide Hills.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 6 April | *Alcohol:* 13% | *pH:* 3.41 | *Acidity:* 7 g/L

Maturation

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

Background

Stephen and Prue Henschke, fifth-generation winemakers at Keyneton, selected Lenswood in 1981 to pioneer 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 pinot noir vineyard has been named after Charles Giles, an early pioneer whose descendants have managed the property as an apple orchard since 1864.

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 in colour. An appealing nose of red currants, red and black cherries and whole bunch complexities, with smoky notes and hints of green beans, tar and dried herbs. Complex layers of red fruits weave between fine velvety tannins to create good intensity and a long rolling finish.



Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage,
Cellaring potential:
30+ years from vintage