



HENSCHKE

150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2017 GREEN'S HILL RIESLING

GRAPE VARIETY

100% riesling grown organically and biodynamically on Stephen and Prue Henschke's Lenswood vineyard in the Adelaide Hills.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 10 - 11 April | Alcohol: 12.5% | pH: 3.02 | Acidity: 7.33g/L

MATURATION

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage to preserve the delicate aromatic fruit characters.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw in colour with gold-green hues. Attractive fragrant aromas of apple, kaffir lime and passionfruit seed with mineral notes of crushed rocks and hints of gooseberry. Concentrated, driving flavours of lime, apple, lemon and passionfruit are perfectly balanced between layers of slate minerality and grapefruit acidity, with incredible length and purity.

BACKGROUND

Fifth-generation winemakers Stephen and Prue Henschke established their Lenswood vineyard 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 the year, cooler temperatures to retain high natural acidity, and still enough sunshine to fully ripen the grapes. The riesling vineyard is planted on a perfect west facing slope on loam soil containing shale fragments. It was so named as it overlooks the apple orchards operated by the Green family since 1893.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Extremely heavy winter rainfall and ferocious spring winds and hail set up one of the most challenging vintages we have ever experienced at Lenswood. Flowering was late, occurring in December rather than November, in rare calm and sunny weather which set us up for good yields. The conditions post-Christmas were characterised by elevated evening temperatures, heavy rain every four days, foggy mornings and low day time temperatures. Harvest started in March; three weeks later than usual. By Easter, all Adelaide Hills whites and our pinot noir were safely in the winery, and in excellent condition despite 760mm falling during the growing season. This was a vintage saved in the vineyard by the outstanding work of the Adelaide Hills viticultural team under extremely trying conditions, with results that exceeded expectations. The Lenswood vineyard continues to show enormous resilience, and the soil health no doubt plays an important role in the beautiful wines created in 2017.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage,
25+ years (from vintage).

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