



# HENSCHKE

*Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards*

## Lenswood Green's Hill Vineyard Riesling 2012

### Grape Variety

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

### Technical Details

Harvest Date: 15 March | Alcohol: 12.5% | pH: 3.09 | Acidity: 7.3g/L

### Maturation

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage (no oak or tank maturation) to preserve the wine's aromatic fruit characters.

### 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 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

The beginning of the season for the 2012 vintage saw a cold winter with below average rainfall. Rainfall was also below average in spring with mild conditions and an early budburst. Flowering and fruit set were affected by persistent morning fogs and drizzly weather, which led to a reduction in crop and smaller bunches. Summer was mild with average temperatures influenced by moderating southlies off the ocean in January and only two short heat events, at New Year and at the end of February. The coldest periods were the second week of January and the second week of February. This provided for slow ripening, which encouraged intense fruit flavours, high natural acidity and good balance. Rainfall leading up to vintage was above average, with the heaviest rainfall events in late January and late February. Temperatures were average going into an early harvest at the beginning of March, warming to an Indian summer in April. This allowed for a long window of picking, finishing on April 20.

### Wine Description

Pale straw with green hues. Exhibiting enticingly sweet aromas of scented green apples, white currants, stone-fruits and citrus blossom with a hint of slate and lime zest. The savoury palate is rich and textural with beautiful citrus and stone-fruit flavours, crisp acidity and a long, restrained finish.

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### Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,  
20+ years (from vintage).