



HENSCHKE

Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

Lenswood Green's Hill Vineyard Riesling 2010

Grape Variety

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

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 10-11 March | Alcohol: 12.5% | pH: 3.93 | Acidity: 7.0g/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 2010 Adelaide Hills vintage received above average rainfall. A two-week heat wave experienced across South Australia in November had less impact on the vines in the Adelaide Hills, as it was less severe and occurred pre-flowering. Rain continued through until mid-summer and was recorded as one of the wettest seasons for many years. Like Eden Valley, the vintage in the Hills was a week earlier than last year. Powdery mildew was more prevalent due to the very humid conditions experienced throughout summer which was a good test for the organic/ biodynamic strategy! The earlier vintage without the extremes in temperature gave high quality fruit with great flavor and fine acids, but did affect the quantity with average yields.

Wine Description

Pale straw with a green hue. Delicate floral aromas with hints of musk, lime zest and slate. Sweet, vibrant lemon citrus and green apple flavours; nice minerality across the palate with fine, restrained acidity providing a long and focused finish.



Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,
20+ years

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