



HENSCHKE

Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

Lenswood Green's Hill Riesling 2007

Grape Variety

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

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 8 March | Alcohol: 12.5% | pH: 2.98 | Acidity: 7.8g/L

Maturation

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

Vineyard History

The riesling vineyard is planted on a west facing slope on loam soil containing shale fragments. It was so named as it overlooks apple orchards operated by the Green family since 1893.

Background

Stephen and Prue Henschke, fifth-generation winemakers at the family cellars at Keyneton, selected Lenswood in 1981 as a vineyard site in the Adelaide Hills. At 550m, the Lenswood vineyards offer not only beautiful 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.

Vintage Description

The 2007 vintage shaped up to be another high quality year but with significantly reduced yields in Eden Valley and average yields in the Adelaide Hills. The highly publicised drought of 2006 has been reported as the worst ever. Certainly the rainfall at Eden Valley for the three months of winter at only 90mm compared to the average of 200mm was one of our driest.

Despite an early winter break, rainfall during winter and spring was the worst for years in the lead-up to flowering. There was significant spring frost damage in Eden Valley, with a yield loss of 20-25%, compounded by the drought and lack of subsoil moisture with overall losses of up to 50% expected.

Brief heat waves occurred during January; otherwise it was mild and dry. At the end of January a tropical air mass connected with a cold front to bring good rains to the agricultural areas of South Australia, with flooding up north.

Wine Description

Pale green-gold in colour. The nose is mineral and flinty, displaying sweet delicate floral aromas of apple blossom and zesty lemon with hints of gooseberry and passionfruit. The palate shows powerful citrus/lemon flavours, hints of crisp apple, fresh acidity, great depth and length.



Cellaring Potential

Great vintage,
drink now to 2017.