



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



MD JOHANNE IDA SELMA BLANC DE NOIR

GRAPE VARIETY

100% pinot noir grown on the Henschke Lenswood Vineyard in the Adelaide Hills, managed with organic and biodynamic practices.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Assemblage Date: August 2019 | Alcohol: 11.5% | pH: 3.12 | TA: 7.2g/L | RS: 5.5g/L

MATURATION

Hand-selected pinot noir was whole-bunch pressed, settled, cool fermented and underwent malolactic fermentation; the wine was subsequently bottle fermented and left on lees in bottle to age. Multiple vintages from 1997 to 2016 were combined in an assemblage-style blend in August 2019, as a multi-vintage, mature disgorged blanc de noir. The wine is sealed under a stainless steel closure to allow the wine to knit together and retain its bottle-age complexity.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw-gold with golden hues. Complex aromas of citrus blossom, lemon curd, green plum skin and toasted brioche. A very fine bead in the glass gives rise to a lovely creamy mousse on the palate that feels at once lively and elegant. Complex flavours of green strawberry, lemon pith, crème brûlée and roasted cashew are balanced by bright, clean acidity and a mineral, slate texture providing focus, finesse and excellent length.

BACKGROUND

In 1997, Stephen and Prue embarked on a journey to handcraft an ultra-premium sparkling wine from pinot noir and selected only the finest fruit from specific clones and sites suited for this purpose at the Henschke Lenswood Vineyard. The vineyard contains some of the oldest pinot noir vines in the Adelaide Hills.

The first release in 2008 celebrated Henschke's 140th anniversary. This limited sixth release is a blend across 20 exceptional pinot noir vintages all matured on tirage. It is a true expression of its site and celebrates over 150 years of Henschke family winemaking.

This sparkling is named as a tribute to adored matriarch Johanne Ida Selma, whose grandfather Nicolaus Stanitzki planted the first vines on the Hill of Grace Vineyard. Selma married third-generation winemaker Paul Alfred Henschke in 1907, entwining the family histories for all time. The youngest of Selma and Alfred's twelve children, Cyril became the fourth-generation Henschke winemaker.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Celebration wine, drink now.

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