



# HENSCHKE

150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



## 2017 TILLY'S VINEYARD

### GRAPE VARIETY

An aromatic blend of 55% semillon, 22% sauvignon blanc, 12% pinot gris, 6% chardonnay and 5% riesling grown in the Eden Valley and Henschke Lenswood vineyard in the Adelaide Hills wine region.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 8 March - 12 April | Alcohol: 12% | pH: 3.19 | Acidity: 5.88g/L

### MATURATION

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage to preserve the wine's fragrant characteristics.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw with lime hues. Beautifully perfumed aromas of clover blossom, gooseberry and stone-fruit are complemented by hints of lemon peel, melon and tropical fruits. A textural and balanced palate of citrus and nectarine is supported by subtle nuances of gooseberry and lemon thyme, with crisp acidity for a focussed and vibrant finish.

### BACKGROUND

This attractive, aromatic blend is named as a tribute to Stephen's great-aunt Otilie Mathilde 'Tilly' Henschke, one of the many remarkable pioneering women of the era when daily life saw them work the land, grow their own produce and raise a large family; a far cry from the ease of today.

### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Extremely heavy winter rainfall and ferocious spring winds and hail shaped one of the most challenging vintages we have ever experienced at Lenswood. Flowering was late, occurring in December in rare calm and sunny weather, which generated good yields. The Eden Valley region also experienced the winds and slightly higher rainfall than the Barossa Valley; these conditions also delayed flowering, however the mild summer and regular rainfall events that followed allowed the grapes to reach full physiological maturity. By Easter, all Adelaide Hills and Eden Valley whites were safely in the winery and in excellent condition after careful handpicking and sorting. The 2017 vintage will be characterised by impeccably floral and vibrant white wines, an indicator of the slightly cooler conditions in the Adelaide Hills and Eden Valley regions.

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage,  
10+ years (from vintage).

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