



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2023 BURSARIA

GRAPE VARIETY

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 31 March - 3 April | Alcohol: 12.5% | pH: 3.55 | Acidity: 5.2g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 100% seasoned French oak barriques for 18 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Crimson with ruby hues. Fragrant aromas of red cherry, wild strawberry and cranberry are interwoven with rose petal, bergamot, dried thyme, tomato stem and forest floor. A poised and silken palate carries a vibrant core of raspberry, morello cherry and blood plum, driven by freshness and fine, elegant tannins.

BACKGROUND

Prue and Stephen Henschke began planting vines on the beautiful, steep slopes of Lenswood in the Adelaide Hills in 1982. The Cudlee Creek bushfire of 2019 devastated the Henschke Lenswood Vineyard, however a small crop of pinot noir was handpicked after years of rejuvenation. Over her forty years as Henschke viticulturist, Prue has nurtured a stronger, more balanced ecosystem in the Henschke vineyards by planting Christmas bush (*Bursaria spinosa*) and iron-grass (*Lomandra* spp.) to support beneficial insects, which were among the first native species to return as the vineyard recovered.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2023 vintage marked three years of regenerating our bushfire affected vines, following the 2019 Cudlee Creek fire. Winter saw 550mm of rain and cold conditions at Lenswood, which delayed budburst. The end of November and early December was exceedingly wet with over three times the average rainfall. Continued wet weather saturated the soil, posing challenges for vineyard access and increasing pest and disease pressure. Development of downy mildew infections in the pre-flowering bunches caused some damage, but ideal flowering conditions in mid-December resulted in good set. Veraison began in the last week of January, which led on to an early vintage. As anticipated, a small crop was harvested, including chardonnay, riesling, gewürztraminer, grüner veltliner, pinot noir, merlot and cabernet sauvignon. The wines show excellent aromatics, flavour and acidity.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Great vintage;
10+ years (from vintage).

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