



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2014 ABBOTTS PRAYER

GRAPE VARIETY

97% merlot, 3% cabernet sauvignon grown on the Henschke Lenswood Vineyard in the Adelaide Hills, managed with organic and biodynamic practices.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 30 April - 1 May | Alcohol: 13.5% | pH: 3.4 | Acidity: 6.24g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 100% new French oak hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Bright garnet with ruby hues. Fragrant aromas of blackcurrant, Kirsch and boysenberry with complex notes of clove, fennel seed, anise, cedar and cocoa. Immediately savoury on the palate with forest herbs encompassed by juicy black plum, blueberry and mulberry fruits, and layered with chalky tannins and elegant acidity for a refined finish.

BACKGROUND

In 1981, fifth-generation winemaker Stephen and his viticulturist wife Prue selected Lenswood in the Adelaide Hills as a new vineyard site, a serendipitous connection to the Henschke family's history in the nearby village of Lobethal, translating to 'Valley of Praise' in German. At 550m, the slopes of the Lenswood Vineyard offer beautiful views, high rainfall and humidity at the right time of the year, cooler temperatures to retain natural acidity and still enough sunshine to fully ripen the grapes. The Abbotts Prayer label links together the history, religion and farming of this mountainous region. The property along Coldstore Road, Lenswood, including historic vineyards in the area, was originally known as Abbotts Flat, and was established in the mid-1800s with the first land purchases by stock-owner Thomas Neilson Mitchell.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

South Australia experienced a record number of heat days over 40 degrees in January, finally ending in the wettest February in 44 years with 150mm of rain in 48 hours. The mild weather, cold dewy mornings and windy days prevailed, and March became colder and wetter. It was a late and long vintage with our vineyard team playing a critical role in hand selecting and picking only the best quality fruit. A challenging season with excellent quality but very low yields.

DRINKING WINDOW

Excellent vintage;
drink now - 2045+

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