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2024 GILES

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: 2 – 3 March | Alcohol: 13% | pH: 3.35 | Acidity: 6.5g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 10% new and 90% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 14 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Medium ruby with crimson hues. Alluring aromas of black cherry, redcurrant and raspberry are layered with vanilla spice, violets, cedar, hints of charcuterie and turned earth. A rich and complex palate unfolds with elegant red and black fruits, dried herbs, orange peel and subtle truffle notes, with balanced acidity and silky tannins delivering a long, persistent finish.

BACKGROUND

Fifth-generation winemaker Stephen and his viticulturist wife Prue selected Lenswood as a vineyard site in the Adelaide Hills in 1981. At 550 metres, the Henschke Lenswood Vineyard offers 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 vineyard was originally part of a beautiful valley of apple orchards and natural forest that was destroyed by the Ash Wednesday bushfires in 1983. In the mid-1980s Stephen and Prue initiated several trials looking at different clones of pinot noir. Seven clones are now planted across the vineyard: MV6, MV6 GW, G8V3, G8V7, and the renowned Bernard Burgundy clones of 115, 777 and 667. The wine is named after Charles Giles, whose descendants managed the property as an apple orchard from 1864 to 1981. This release is a testament to the extraordinary effort made to rejuvenate the Lenswood Vineyard from the devastating effects of the Cudlee Creek bushfire in December 2019.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Lenswood entered spring under unusually mild conditions, after a typically damp winter with elevated temperatures and persistent morning fog that lasted right through to summer. An exceptionally cool period enveloped the vines during early flowering, reducing bunch sizes significantly. Nevertheless, the canopies developed well despite the persistently damp mornings and the small bunches developed steadily. Autumn brought great conditions for ripening, bearing fruit with exceptional purity and depth of flavour. A wonderful quality year for all Lenswood varieties, albeit in very small yields.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;
20+ years (from vintage).

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