



HENSCHKE

150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING

2015 THE ALAN RESERVE PINOT NOIR

GRAPE VARIETY

100% pinot noir grown on the Henschke Archer's Vineyard at Lenswood in the Adelaide Hills.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 19 February - 13 March | Alcohol: 13% | pH: 3.5 | Acidity: 6.21g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 21% new and 79% seasoned French barriques for 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Garnet in colour with ruby hues. Rich aromas of spicy black cherry, red currant, wild forest fruits and raspberries and cream combine beautifully with herbal nuances of flowering thyme and notes of cedar and vanilla. A deep and brooding palate of black and red cherries is balanced by complex herbal notes and a hint of anise, showing wonderful texture and length with rolling, fine, velvety tannins.

BACKGROUND

In 1981, fifth-generation winemaker Stephen Henschke and his viticulturist wife Prue purchased a property in the Adelaide Hills with the intention of planting varieties well-suited to the cooler climate of the region. The vineyard was originally part of a beautiful valley of apple orchards and natural forest that were destroyed by the Ash Wednesday bushfires in 1983. This reserve pinot noir is produced from hand-selected fruit from the best plots of 25-year-old vines and named as a tribute to Alan Archer, whose love of wine and food helped to create The Chesser Cellar's fame in Adelaide.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

A traditionally wet winter, mild spring and excellent fruit set provided a great start to the 2015 vintage after four vintages with below average yields. Spring was dry and led into a very mild, dry summer with no disease, resulting in fruit with higher natural acidity, and incredible flavour and colour concentration. A dry, warm and windy start to January, however, resulted in one of the worst bushfires in the Adelaide Hills in living memory, though well away from our Adelaide Hills vineyards. By the end of the first week, relief came with 60-75mm of rain and a record-breaking coolest January in 11 years. With the onset of veraison at the end of January, the rain was perfectly timed for the old dry-grown vineyards, and the mild weather that followed from February through to April provided for a fairytale vintage.



CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage,
20+ years (from vintage).

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