



HENSCHKE

Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

Lenswood Croft Vineyard Chardonnay 2010

Grape Variety

100% chardonnay grapes grown on Stephen and Prue Henschke's Lenswood vineyard in the Adelaide Hills.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 2-6 March | Alcohol: 13% | pH: 3.26 | Acidity: 6.1g/L

Maturation

Aged in 33% new and 66% seasoned French barriques and lees stirred for 8 months.

Background

Fifth-generation winemaker Stephen Henschke and his wife Prue purchased the property in the Adelaide Hills in 1981. At 550m, the Lenswood vineyards offer not only magnificent views over the traditional vine country but also higher rainfall and humidity at the right time of the year, cooler temperatures to retain high natural acidity, and still enough sunshine to fully ripen the grapes. The chardonnay vineyard, which consists of seven clones, has taken its name from Frederick Croft, an orchardist who took up a neighbouring property in 1938.

Vintage Description

The 2010 Adelaide Hills vintage received above average winter rainfall. A two-week heat wave experienced across South Australia in November had less impact on the vines in the Adelaide Hills, as it was less severe and occurred pre-flowering. Rain continued through till midsummer and was recorded as one of the wettest seasons for many years.

Like Eden Valley, the vintage in the Hills was a week earlier than 2009. Powdery mildew was more prevalent due to the very humid conditions experienced throughout summer, which was a good test for the organic and biodynamic strategy. The earlier vintage without the extremes in temperature gave high quality fruit with great flavour and fine acids, but did affect the quantity, with average yields.

Wine Description

Pale green-yellow in colour. Fragrant aromas of pear skin, citrus and melon are supported by hints of clove and cashew nut with biscuity notes. The complex and layered palate shows rich flavours of pear, citrus, clove, bread dough and cashew with beautifully focused balanced acidity providing excellent length and depth.

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Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,
10+ years (from vintage).