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Lenswood Coralinga Sauvignon Blanc 2013

Grape Variety

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

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 5-14 March | Alcohol: 13% | pH: 3.17 | Acidity: 6.0g/L

Maturation

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage (no oak or tank maturation) to preserve the wine's aromatic fruit characters.

Background

This sauvignon blanc is a tribute to the historic Coralinga homestead and apple orchard that was destroyed by bushfires in the early 1900s. The homestead was situated close by Henschke's Lenswood property in the heart of the South Mount Lofty Ranges. At 550m, Lenswood has 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 exotic aromatic qualities of the sauvignon blanc reflect the exceptional site of these vineyards and the suitability of this variety to the cool climate of the Adelaide Hills region.

Vintage Description

The 2013 harvest was expected to be early, with the Easter full moon very close to the autumn equinox, and sure enough budburst started early in spring 2012 with green shoots emerging in the first week of September suggesting this would be so. All varieties woke to a cool and mild spring, with cabernet the last to greet the sun on October 1. A snow flurry in early October led into a mild November, with warm days and nights providing excellent conditions for flowering. Set was excellent across all varieties. Spring was conspicuous for its dryness but thankfully frost free, and as summer approached the vines developed beautifully balanced canopies and rain was just a distant memory. It was not to rain again until the end of harvest, seven dry months that produced a green drought. As harvest time approached, it was abundantly clear that 2013 was going to be exceptional in terms of yield and quality across all varieties - a rare thing in the lofty airs of Lenswood, where weather events usually dictate terms that are best described as challenging! Chardonnay and riesling were fabulous, as too were sauvignon blanc, gewürztraminer, pinot gris, merlot and cabernet. Lenswood does not give up her fruit easily but every now and then she tosses a furtive glance your way and delivers the unexpected. The 2013 harvest will be remembered as near perfection in a year of snow and drought, truly a rare and exceptional vintage.

Wine Description

Pale straw with green hues. A beautiful, fragrant and lifted bouquet of citrus blossom, white currants and tropical fruits with a hint of gooseberry, nashi pear and caraway seeds. The focused palate shows pear skin, tropical fruit, lime and crushed herb flavours, with excellent balance and crisp, fresh acidity that provides a deliciously long finish.

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Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,
5+ years (from vintage).

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