



# HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



## MD JOHANNE IDA SELMA BLANC DE NOIR

### GRAPE VARIETY

100% pinot noir from vines managed using biodynamic principles, grown on Stephen and Prue Henschke's Lenswood vineyard in the Adelaide Hills.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Assemblage Date: August 2019 | Alcohol: 11.5% | pH: 3.12 | TA: 7.2g/L | RS: 5.5g/L

### MATURATION

Hand-selected pinot noir was whole-bunch pressed, settled, cool fermented and underwent malolactic fermentation; the wine was subsequently bottle fermented and left on lees in bottle to age. Multiple vintages from 1997 to 2016 were combined in an assemblage-style blend in August 2019, as a multi-vintage, mature disgorged blanc de noir. The wine is sealed under a stainless steel closure to allow the wine to knit together and retain its bottle-age complexity.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw-gold with golden hues. Complex aromas of citrus blossom, lemon curd, green plum skin and toasted brioche. A very fine bead in the glass gives rise to a lovely creamy mousse on the palate that feels at once lively and elegant. Complex flavours of green strawberry, lemon pith, crème brûlée and roasted cashew are balanced by bright, clean acidity and a mineral, slate texture providing focus, finesse and excellent length.

### BACKGROUND

In 1997, Stephen and Prue embarked on a journey to handcraft an ultra-premium sparkling wine from pinot noir, in addition to their table wines, and selected only the finest fruit from specific clones and sites suited for this purpose at the Henschke Lenswood vineyard in the Adelaide Hills. Purchased as an apple orchard in 1981, the 550m site offers higher rainfall and humidity at the right time of year, which together with the cooler temperatures, provides ideal conditions for growing pinot noir. The vineyard contains some of the oldest pinot noir vines in the Adelaide Hills.

The first release in 2008 celebrated Henschke's 140th anniversary. This limited sixth release is a blend across 12 exceptional pinot noir vintages all matured on tirage. It is a true expression of its site and celebrates over 150 years of Henschke family winemaking.

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Celebration wine, drink now.

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