



HENSCHKE

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2017 JOSEPH HILL GEWÜRZTRAMINER

GRAPE VARIETY

100% gewürztraminer grown on Stephen and Prue's Lenswood vineyard in the Adelaide Hills and the Henschke Eden Valley vineyard.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 17 & 24 March | Alcohol: 12.5% | pH: 3.35 | Acidity: 6.20g/L

MATURATION

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage to preserve the delicate aromatic fruit characters.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw in colour with green-gold hues. An evocative bouquet of lifted rose petal florals, exotic spices and musk are enveloped with Turkish delight and lychee. The generous palate is layered with flavours of fleshy white peach, tropical fruits and ginger root spice, which are complemented by pure red apple acidity, savoury minerality and fine texture, giving way to an exceptionally long, clean finish.

BACKGROUND

The traminer grape originated in the Tramin region of the north-east of Italy. This variety has been grown for centuries in French Alsace and Germany. The altitude, cool climate and sandy loam and shale soils of the Lenswood vineyard are brilliantly suited to this variety. Gewürztraminer planted on the steep south-facing Lenswood slopes lends beautiful aromatics and complexity to the traditional Eden Valley rose petal flavours. Named in tribute to Joseph Hill Thyer who pioneered the first vines on this property in the early 1900s.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Extremely heavy winter rainfall and ferocious spring winds and hail shaped one of the most challenging vintages we have ever experienced at Lenswood. Flowering was late, occurring in December in rare calm and sunny weather, which generated good yields. The Eden Valley region also experienced the winds and slightly higher rainfall than the Barossa Valley; these conditions also delayed flowering, however the mild summer and regular rainfall events that followed allowed the grapes to reach full physiological maturity. By Easter, all Adelaide Hills and Eden Valley whites were safely in the winery and in excellent condition after careful handpicking and sorting. The 2017 vintage will be characterised by impeccably floral and vibrant white wines, an indicator of the slightly cooler conditions in the Adelaide Hills and Eden Valley regions.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage,
20+ years (from vintage).

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