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2015 LV CHARDONNAY

Beginnings: Established by winemaker Martin Shaw and Master of Wine Michael Hill Smith in 1989.

Winemakers: Adam Wadewitz and Martin Shaw.

Vision: To make exciting, refined wines exclusively from the Adelaide Hills that reflect our sites and climate.

Vineyards: Shaw + Smith own two vineyards in the Adelaide Hills, at Balhannah and Lenswood, totalling 55 ha. The vineyards are planted to varieties that perform particularly well in the region, namely Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Shiraz.

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Style: A fine boned Chardonnay that reflects the conditions of the vintage and the character of this unique vineyard site.

The 2015 is typified by wonderful natural acidity, which is very much the result of an excellent season.

Season: 2015 was a remarkable vintage. Above average winter rainfall ensured a good start to the growing season and warm weather in late-December / early-January was moderated by useful rain on the 13th of January. The season concluded with mild, steady conditions and delivered fruit of wonderful quality to the winery.

Source: Sourced exclusively from Shaw + Smith's picturesque Lenswood property. Planted in 1999, the vineyard has east and west facing aspects and reaches 500 meters above sea level. The soil is brown loam over clay with some broken shale and stone on the ridges.

Vinification: Whole bunches were chilled overnight, then pressed, before fermentation in new and used French oak puncheons.

Background: Since purchasing the vineyard in 2012, significant investments have been made to further enhance the site. It had always shown potential for a single site wine and in 2014 a small amount was selected for our first 'Lenswood Vineyard' Chardonnay.

Cellar potential: Now until 2025.
