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Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards



Innes Vineyard Pinot Gris 2010

Grape Variety

100% pinot gris grown by David and Annette Innes at Littlehampton in the Adelaide Hills.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 2-3 March | Alcohol: 14% | pH: 3.05 | Acidity: 5.71g/L

Maturation

Fermented in tank and held on lees for 6 months with regular stirring to build complexity.

Background

The Adelaide Hills has an altitude ranging from 400-600m and a rainfall of around 700-1000mm. Soils consist of sandy loam overlying weathered shale and clay, which provide excellent conditions for viticulture. Littlehampton lies on the eastern side of the Adelaide Hills and has a unique aspect for superlative pinot gris. Viticulture was first established in the Adelaide Hills in 1839 by John Barton Hack near Mount Barker, just 5km from Littlehampton. Pinot gris, called tokay d'Alsace in France, grauburgunder in Germany and pinot grigio in Italy, has its origins in France. It has become a highly regarded variety around the world.

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 cooler Adelaide Hills, as it occurred pre-flowering. Spring rains 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. The earlier vintage without the extremes in temperature gave high quality fruit with great aromatic flavour and fine acidity together with average yields.

Wine Description

Pale straw with a green hue. Intense aromas of musk spice, anise, pear skin and nectarine. The juicy, lush, intensely flavoured palate shows citrus rind, ginger spice, white lavender and tropical fruit with a creamy texture and structure, and a long focused finish.

Reviewed January 2011

Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,
10+ years.