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2018 INNES VINEYARD PINOT GRIS

GRAPE VARIETY

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 22 February | Alcohol: 13.5% | pH: 3.22 | Acidity: 5.59g/L | RS: 3.1 g/L

MATURATION

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

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw with copper hues. Attractive aromas of flowering herbs, citrus blossom, fresh white nectarine and green pear are complemented by notes of spiced custard apple and rose petal. Flavours of nashi pear, white currant and nectarine are supported by crisp acidity and balanced by a creamy, textural quality with a hint of anise spice, providing a lovely, lingering finish.

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 and has become a highly regarded variety around the world.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Dry conditions in June 2017 saw soil moisture levels in parts of the Adelaide Hills drop to levels not seen since the drought of the mid 2000's, however rains in late July helped offset this. Budburst occurred quite late in the season, fruit set was average to above average and canopies were quite large. January, February and April were the warmest recorded in eight seasons but fortunately March was cooler than average which allowed good colour and flavour development. This resulted in wines that will be remembered for their depth and richness of character.



CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage,
10+ years (from vintage).

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