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Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

Innes Vineyard Pinot Gris 2013

Grape Variety

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

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 25 February & 28 February | Alcohol: 13.5% | pH: 3.08 | Acidity: 6.8g/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 and has become a highly regarded variety around the world.

Vintage Description

The 2013 harvest was expected to be early, with the Easter full moon very close to the autumn equinox, and sure enough budburst started early in spring 2012 with green shoots emerging in the first week of September suggesting this would be so. All varieties woke to a cool and mild spring, with cabernet the last to greet the sun on October 1. A snow flurry in early October led into a mild November, with warm days and nights providing excellent conditions for flowering. Set was excellent across all varieties. Spring was conspicuous for its dryness but thankfully frost free, and as summer approached the vines developed beautifully balanced canopies and rain was just a distant memory. It was not to rain again until the end of harvest, seven dry months that produced a green drought. As harvest time approached, it was abundantly clear that 2013 was going to be exceptional in terms of yield and quality across all varieties - a rare thing in the lofty airs of Lenswood and Littlehampton, where weather events usually dictate terms that are best described as challenging! Chardonnay and riesling were fabulous, as too were sauvignon blanc, gewürztraminer, merlot and cabernet. The 2013 harvest will be remembered as near perfection in a year of snow and drought, truly a rare and exceptional vintage.

Wine Description

Pale gold with lime hues. Gorgeous fragrant, focused aromas of white flowers, almond blossom, gooseberry and honeysuckle supported by mint, anise and ginger spice nuances. Delicate layers of tropical fruit and stone-fruit flavours flood the palate and interlace with fine acidity and creamy texture for a long, rich finish.

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Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,
10+ years (from vintage).

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