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2026 INNES

GRAPE VARIETY

100% pinot gris grown by the Innes family at Littlehampton in the Adelaide Hills.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 18 March | Alcohol: 12.7% | pH: 3.0 | Acidity: 6.18g/L

MATURATION

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

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale lemon with green hues. Fragrant aromas of white peach, nashi pear, jasmine, honeysuckle and subtle spice notes. A lush palate of white nectarine and green apple are interwoven with candied ginger, nutmeg and clove, framed by bright acidity, driving a long, crisp finish.

BACKGROUND

The Adelaide Hills has an altitude ranging from 400-600m and rainfall of around 700-1000mm. The soils of sandy loam overlying weathered shale and clay provide excellent conditions for viticulture, which was first established in the Adelaide Hills in 1839 by John Barton Hack near Mount Barker. Littlehampton lies on the eastern side of the Adelaide Hills, just 5km from Mount Barker, with an easterly aspect well-suited to elegant, cool-climate pinot gris. This wine is named as a tribute to the Innes family, dedicated growers of the Innes Vineyard Pinot Gris since 1997. Pinot gris, known as 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

After a cool, wet winter, soil temperatures remained low in the Adelaide Hills, delaying budburst. The spring of 2025 brought further wet conditions and overcast skies, with some disease pressure requiring careful vineyard management. Warmer weather during flowering resulted in good-sized bunches and excellent set. Short bursts of heat in early summer had little impact on the later-developing green berries. Cooler weather in the lead-up to vintage, with relatively even temperatures, allowed for a long, slow ripening period, contributing to great fruit concentration, natural cool climate acidity and good balance. The pinot gris at Littlehampton was picked later than average, from 18 March, delivering good yields of high quality.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;
15+ years (from vintage).

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