



HENSCHKE

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2009 INNES VINEYARD

GRAPE VARIETY

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 7 March | Alcohol: 14% | pH: 3.31 | Acidity: 5.3g/L

MATURATION

Fermented in stainless steel and held on lees in tank for 6 months with regular stirring to build complexity. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Medium gold with green hues. Fragrant aromas of baked apple, white peach, pear, ginger, nutmeg, cooking spices, juniper and elderflower, with hints of butterscotch and white flowers. The palate is creamy and textural with baked pear, cooking spices, orange blossom and honeydew, balanced by zesty citrus acidity for a long and complex 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, and has a unique aspect for superlative pinot gris. This wine is named as a tribute to the Innes family, dedicated growers of the Innes Vineyard Pinot Gris for over 25 years. 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

Below average rainfall in winter and spring led to one of the driest starts to the year since 1957. Favourable weather at the end of November provided good flowering conditions, vigorous vine growth and average yields. A dry, early summer was followed with heat spikes in the new year, including 46C on Black Saturday. Subsequent weather was mild and dry, perfect for ripening. Careful handpicking allowed selection of the best quality fruit with excellent to exceptional wines, in particular pinot gris.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage;
Drink now - 2030.

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