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2021 INNES VINEYARD

GRAPE VARIETY

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 26 February | Alcohol: 13.0% | pH: 3.24 | Acidity: 5.3g/L

MATURATION

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

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw with bright-green hues. Fragrant, floral aromas of frangipani, ginger flower and orange blossom, with notes of white peach, nectarine, nashi pear and citrus zest. A rich full-flavoured palate of creamy yellow peach, brown spices and ginger, fresh, crisp grapefruit acidity providing excellent length and depth, and a layered, textural finish.

BACKGROUND

The Adelaide Hills has an altitude ranging from 400–600m and a 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. This particular vintage pays tribute to the life of Annette Innes. 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

September brought good rainfall for the Adelaide Hills, filling most dams and encouraging even budburst. Perfect November weather during flowering delivered good set on small bunches. December passed without the usual heat and January barely warmed up before a rainfall event was received. The mild conditions remained well below 30°C in February/March, resulting in pinot gris from Littlehampton being picked in excellent condition.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage;
10+ years (from vintage).

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