

Pinot Gris

2019

It was a good old-fashioned warm year with just enough rain to keep the vine leaves functioning, which then finished with an extended and perfect picking window. This enabled flavours and sugars to develop in tandem and gave a “Winemakers choice” as to the exact moment of harvest. I therefore make no apology for the slightly raucous alcohol which is a result of fully ripened grapes and the retention of zero residual sugar.

Plenty of straw-yellow colour in evidence when this plucky wine is poured into the glass. The nose comes on strong with jasmine, buttercup and sliced Golden Queen peach leading on to toasted marshmallow, feijoa puree, hot rye bread and a little fresh spearmint. Soft lamb’s wool mitten and cracked pavlova shell are sensually intertwined with notes of vanilla and marzipan – bringing to mind Adele rolling in the deep. There is a familiar mealiness like steel cut oats and then a tincture of caraway to round out the aroma.

The palate has a definitive authoritarian edge. It is delineated and demands a certain respect with its sandstone base and brokenwood edges. The breadth on the back is impressive while a crushed eggshell texture plays hooky with the tongue and the bone dry finish adds to the austerity. Delving deeper however, rewards with braised pear, boiled lolly and a fleeting melange of florals normally encountered at the bottom of the garden in the early evening. There is an impressive roundness to the mid palate which sports creamed broccoli, brazil nut and melted havarti cheese.

As usual this wine screams out for a creamy or cheesy soup, pasta or cauliflower rice dish.

Technical Information

Harvest date:	19 – 25 Mar 2019	Residual Sugar:	0g/l - Bone Dry
Brix at Harvest:	22.9 – 23.5	Bottling Date:	28 Aug 2019
Final Alcohol:	14.1%	Release Date:	1 March 2021
pH:	2.89	Cellaring:	2 to 8 years
Total Acidity:	6.7 g/l		

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