

HENSCHKE



Tasting Notes

Wine and Vintage

Littlehampton Innes Vineyard Pinot Gris 2000

Grape Variety

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

Background

The Adelaide Hills is located in the Mount Lofty Ranges east of the city of Adelaide, with an altitude ranging from 400-600 metres and a rainfall of around 700-1000 mm. Soils consist of sandy loam overlying weathered shale and clay, which provide excellent conditions for viticulture. Littlehampton lies towards the eastern side of the range 25km from Adelaide and has recently been developed as a grape area.

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 as a bud mutation of pinot blanc. It has become a highly regarded variety around the world.

Vintage Description

The 2000 vintage was small and early. Another drought winter, frost at the end of October, poor flower development in spring and the unseasonal cool temperatures in late October/early November led to low yields. This was compounded by searing summer temperatures and a large amount of rain at the end of February - 100mm of rain over 24 hours courtesy of a tropical cyclone up north - which caused splitting of fruit and subsequent shrivel.

Wine Description

Pale gold/salmon in colour. Sweet scented honey nectar, nectarine, butterscotch and honeysuckle aromas. A delightful palate of honey yoghurt with ripe pear and slight marzipan nuances. Good mouthfeel; viscous and creamy with intense flavours and almond hints, finishing long and intense.

Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage, optimum year 2005.

Serving Idea

Creamy risotto of braised light game and toasted pine nuts with a light gravy of braising juices.

Technical Data:

Harvest date: 13 March

Alcohol: 14.3

pH: 3.08

Acid: 6.6

