



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2017 INNES VINEYARD PINOT GRIS

GRAPE VARIETY

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 17 - 18 March | Alcohol: 13% | pH: 3.26 | Acidity: 5.72g/L

MATURATION

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

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale straw with green hues. Fragrant aromas of nashi pear, nectarine and almond blossom are supported by ginger spice and nougat, with savoury complexities of dried herbs and toasted almonds. Beautifully intense flavours of stone-fruit and ripe pear are complemented by layers of lemon thyme, nougat and ginger, while a lovely pure line of apple-like acidity and excellent texture provide length on the finish.

BACKGROUND

The Adelaide Hills has an altitude ranging from 400-600m and a rainfall of around 700-1000mm. Soils consist of sandy loam overlying weathered shale and clay, which provide excellent conditions for viticulture. Littlehampton lies on the eastern side of the Adelaide Hills and has a unique aspect for superlative pinot gris. 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 and has become a highly regarded variety around the world.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Extremely heavy winter rainfall and ferocious spring winds and hail set up one of the most challenging vintages we have ever experienced at Lenswood. Flowering was late, occurring in December rather than November, in rare calm and sunny weather which set us up for good yields. The conditions post-Christmas were characterised by elevated evening temperatures, heavy rain every four days, foggy mornings and low day time temperatures. Harvest started in March; three weeks later than usual. By Easter, all Adelaide Hills whites and our pinot noir were safely in the winery, and in excellent condition despite 760mm falling during the growing season. This was a vintage saved in the vineyard by the outstanding work of the Adelaide Hills viticultural team under extremely trying conditions, with results that exceeded expectations. The Lenswood vineyard continues to show enormous resilience, and the soil health no doubt plays an important role in the beautiful wines created in 2017.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage,
10+ years (from vintage).

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