

HENSCHKE



Tasting Notes

Wine and Vintage

Littlehampton Innes Vineyard Pinot Gris 2003

Grape Variety

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

Background

The Adelaide Hills has an altitude ranging from 400-600 metres 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 towards the eastern side of the range 25km from Adelaide and has recently been developed as a grapegrowing 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. It has become a highly regarded variety around the world.

Vintage Description

After one of the worst droughts in history the soil moisture profile and dams were lower than at the start of winter. Spring was frosty and windy but not overly wet. The frosts in October were bad news for many, although the rains were at least strategic, which resulted in better fruit set than last year. The hot, dry and windy weather during summer stressed the vines reducing the berry size and crop. A serious rain event occurred in late February causing some fruit split. This year must surely go down on record as being one of our hottest, driest and windiest summers, leading to a smaller vintage of good quality.

Wine Description

Golden/straw in colour. Delicate nectarine, butterscotch, lychee and honeysuckle aromas. A rich full and oily palate with a long lingering finish.

Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage, optimum year 2006. Stelvin closure.

Serving Idea

Crisp fried prawn & sweet potato cakes.

Technical Data

Harvest date: 28 March
Alcohol: 14.7% vol.
pH: 3.2
Acid: 6.2 g/l