



2018 Pinot Gris

TASTING NOTES



VINEYARD

BAIE Wines vineyard is located in the Bellarine Peninsula and is strongly influenced by the maritime cool climate. The vineyard is bound to the North directly overlooking Port Phillip Bay, and the 16 year old vines are grown on coastal loam, with a clay loam subsoil. Our wines are made from domain grown fruit in Curlewis, Bellarine Peninsula Geelong at a Latitude – 38.163354 and Longitude 144.542334. Our philosophy of viticulture and winemaking is to best represent our geology, climate and the grape growing season of that year respectfully, consistently and honestly. All stages of fruit development, such as pruning and canopy management, are overseen by Simon and Peter to retain the integrity of the vineyard and season, and nurture each wine's personality. We work on the simple principles that wines begin in the soil. Each year we work on assessing and managing requirements of soil, vine health, rainfall and protection from sun and wind to ensure an approach to grow the best fruit possible.

WINEMAKING

The Pinot Gris grapes are handpicked and gently whole bunch pressed. Only free run juice is used, and 30% of it goes directly into old French oak barriques and spends 10 weeks on lees using wild ferment. The rest of the juice is tank fermented with inoculated yeast. The wine from barriques and tank is then, fined and filtered and bottled.

VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season has been a cracker. Solid earlier rainfall and warm summer and autumn temperatures have seen an abundant and balanced crop with excellent ripening. This translates to stunning flavours in the fruit with the Pinot Gris being harvested first in early March and the Sauvignon Blanc and Shiraz harvested mid to late March respectively. Overall a strong vintage, wines in oak and tank were vibrant, with good acidity and freshness.

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This small batch estate grown BAIE Wines bestseller packs rich, creamy honey and pear flavours, with a full ripe palate and firm acid balance. Smooth and delicious this Pinot Gris is sure to hold a special place in your heart and at your dinner table.

ALCOHOL

13%

WINEMAKER

Robin Brockett and Marcus Holt