

Yarra Valley/King Valley Pinot Gris 2017

Yarra Valley, Victoria, Australia



Grape Varieties	97% Pinot Grigio/Pinot Gris 3% Other white varieties
Winemaker	Geoff Alexander
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	3g/L
Acidity	6.28g/L
Wine pH	3.2
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Innocent Bystander's reputation has been built upon the style of their regional and varietal wines, which reflect the soil, climate and topography of the cool Yarra Valley. Owned by one of Australia's leading family-owned wine companies, Brown Brothers, the Yarra Valley fruit is harvested and immediately transported to their winery in Milawa, Northern Victoria. Here the winemaking team process the grapes in their 'Kindergarten Winery', specially designed for small batches and different winemaking techniques for minimal intervention.

VINEYARDS

The grapes are 100% hand picked from two very special vineyards from the upper King Valley: Symphonia Vineyard at Myrree (altitude 350 metres) and Crouchers Vineyard at Whitlands (altitude 800 metres). Both these parcels add a spike of minerally citrus to the wine.

VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage was one of the longest on record, characterised by relatively dry conditions with little disease pressure. Cooler weather also provided great natural acid retention. The resulting wines are very elegant.

VINIFICATION

The fruit was 100% hand picked and whole bunch pressed. 70% of the fruit went into stainless steel for a long, cold fermentation to preserve freshness in the wine. The remaining 30% of the fruit was fermented and matured in French oak (10% new) to give a luscious mouthfeel.

TASTING NOTES

The nose is brimming with fresh cut pears, snow pea shoots, and notes of lemon thyme. The palate is marked with lime flowers and an intriguing touch of miso. It is fresh, crisp and bone-dry and finishes with a lemon sorbet twang.

AWARDS

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