

Peter Lehmann Layers,
Adelaide White 2019
Adelaide, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties

49%	Semillon
20%	Muscat Blanc à Petits Grains
19%	Gewürztraminer
12%	Pinot Gris

Winemaker	Tim Dolan
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	11.5%
Residual Sugar	9.7g/L
Acidity	5.8g/L
Wine pH	3.25
Notes	Vegetarian

PRODUCER

Peter Lehmann founded his eponymous winery in 1979, partly as a means of helping with the glut of grapes then afflicting the Barossa. "I'll take your grapes and turn them into wine," he told the desperate growers, many of them conservative farmers of Silesian descent who regarded their old vines as part of their patrimony. "But I'll only be able to pay you when I sell the wine." They gratefully accepted. Without this deal, it is widely believed that the Barossa would have lost a large swathe of its old vines. The crisis passed, in large part thanks to Peter's energy and vision, and the Lehmann winery became one of the Barossa's and Australia's most outstanding and historic wineries.

VINEYARDS

Peter Lehmann Wines works with over 140 growers across the length and breadth of the Barossa Valley region, with access to over 750 individual vineyard sites. Grapes for this wine came from selected vineyards in the Barossa Valley with the Pinot Gris sourced from the Adelaide Hills.

VINTAGE

Several frosts at budbursts and a windy flowering period combined with below average rainfall throughout the growing cycle saw smaller crops in many vineyards in the Barossa Valley and Adelaide Hills. A warmer than average January accelerated the ripening of the reduced crops which was followed by a slightly cooler February, allowing the fruit to ripen evenly and maintain good acid retention. While the 2019 vintage brought lower yields, the conditions throughout summer ensured the grapes had great intensity.

VINIFICATION

Cold fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks prior to blending and early bottling which produced a lively, fresh yet complex white wine.

TASTING NOTES

The wine is pale yellow with a youthful green hue. On the nose, there are aromas of citrus, peach and white flowers with a hint of lifted spice. The finely-structured, lemon-tinged Semillon supports the soft floral aromatics of Muscat and the delicate spice of Gewürztraminer. The Pinot Gris provides texture and mouthfeel to the mid-palate and the finish is crisp and fresh.