

PEWSEY VALE

VINEYARD

Pinot Gris 2004

Pewsey Vale Vineyard was first planted to Riesling by Joseph Gilbert in 1847. The site has acquired a reputation for success with aromatic white wines of exceptional style, varietal flavour and consistency, which inspired the planting of Pinot Gris.

High in Eden Valley (nearly 500m above sea level) the quality of the vineyard is a reflection of this altitude and the low-fertility, grey, sandy loam soils which prolong ripening into the cool autumn season. This long ripening period develops unique, consistent flavour profiles, which we now describe as classic 'Pewsey Vale'.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

The 2003/2004 vintage blessed Eden Valley with good rains in spring, followed by a dry summer with an unexpectedly cool January, offering perfect conditions for vines to ripen and maintain good canopies. February brought normal summer conditions with plenty of warmth to initiate the flavour ripening phase in Eden Valley grapes.

Long cool autumn conditions meant the harvest time for each parcel of fruit was optimal. As a result, the grapes were picked over a period of three weeks, with each bundle exhibiting the classic ripe flavours of Pewsey Vale and Eden Valley with gorgeous natural acid freshness.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

This is the first vintage release of Pewsey Vale Pinot Gris and one we're particularly excited about. Lively green hues highlight the pale straw colour. Aromas of spicy cinnamon and apple blossom are enhanced by hints of apricot kernel leading into flavours reminiscent of crunchy apple and pear. The creamy rich textures of this wine lead beautifully into a long and fresh finish.

A wonderful accompaniment to a wide range of foods.

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Vintage	2004
Region	Eden Valley
Winemaker	Louisa Rose
Harvested	22 March 2004
Oak Treatment	Fermented & matured for four months in mature French oak barriques
Alc/Vol	14.5%
Total Acid	5.7 g/L
pH	3.15
Residual Sugar	0.6 g/L