

PEWSEY VALE

VINEYARD

Pinot Gris 2006

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'.



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It would have been hard to have planned a more perfect Eden Valley vintage. After a lovely wet spring and early summer the vines were healthy and strong, and set good, conservative crops. The lack of any heat spikes in February, combined with cool nights meant the vines, under no stress, accumulated sugars quickly while retaining natural acid. The result was a quick, clean and early vintage, and some gorgeous white wines.

Pewsey Vale Eden Valley Pinot Gris 2006 is pale straw in colour with lively green hues. It has aromas of spicy biscotti and apple blossom fragrance with a hint of funky apricot kernel. The flavours of this wine are reminiscent of crunchy crab-apple and pear with smokey rich textures, finishing long and fresh.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Louisa Rose, originally from the Yarra Valley and a cool climate enthusiast, has been making the Pewsey Vale wines since 1995. Working closely with Vineyard Manager Darrell Kruger, who has been associated with Pewsey Vale for more than 20 years, Louisa is a firm adherent to the philosophy that 'wine is made in the vineyard'.

Commencing as an Australian Wine Show Judge in 1997, Louisa is now heavily involved in judging at capital city and international Wine Shows, as well as promoting the Barossa region. In 1999 she was named Barossa Winemaker of the Year, and in 2000 and again in 2005, she was a finalist in the Qantas/Australian Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine Winemaker of the Year.

In 2004 the International Wine & Spirit Competition (IWSC) announced Australian winemaker, Louisa Rose as winner of the prestigious 2004 Women in Wine Award.

For more information visit <http://www.pewseyvale.com>

VINTAGE INFORMATION

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| Vintage | 2006 |
| Region | Eden Valley |
| Winemaker | Louisa Rose |
| Harvested | 7th & 17th March 2006 |
| Treatment | Fermented & matured for 5 Months in mature French Oak barriques. |
| Alc/Vol | 14% |
| Total Acid | 6.3 g/L |
| pH | 3.26 |
| Residual Sugar | 2.9 g/L |
| Cellaring | 4-6 years |

