

PEWSEY VALE

VINEYARD

Pinot Gris 2007

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'.



WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

For over 150 years Pewsey Vale Vineyard has produced aromatic white wines of exceptional style, varietal flavour and consistency. A reputation for success with these wines and a location high in Eden Valley inspired the planting of Pinot Gris. Pewsey Vale Pinot Gris captures the essence of our cool climate vineyard with vibrant aromas, spice and rich texture. Winemaking is simple and natural with hand picked grapes whole bunch pressed directly to older oak barrels for fermentation by indigenous yeasts. The wine stayed in barrel for nearly 3 months with regular batonnage before blending.

With pale straw and lively green hues this wine displays a biscotti and apple blossom fragrance with a hint of funky apricot kernel on the nose. On the palate the flavours of this wine are reminiscent of crunchy crab-apple and pear. With rich textures this wine finishes long and fresh, and should cellar well for the medium term (4-6 years).

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Vintage 2007 followed an extremely dry growing-season. The drought presented a number of viticultural challenges, notably numerous cold-weather events during winter and spring caused very low crops to be set. Natural rainfall in Eden Valley during the growing season was less than 40% of average, and this, combined with slightly higher than average temperatures meant that the grapes ripened nearly a month earlier than normal. This was fortuitous as any supplementary irrigation was very scarce - the dam was dry! Despite these trials the quality of the fruit was excellent.

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VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2007
Region	Eden Valley
Winemaker	Louisa Rose
Harvested	9th to 12th February 2007
Treatment	Fermented & matured for 3 Months in mature French Oak barriques.
Alc/Vol	13%
Total Acid	6.3 g/L
pH	3.1
Residual Sugar	2.5 g/L
Cellaring	4-6 years

