

PEWSEY VALE

VINEYARD

Pinot Gris 2009

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 160 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 barrels for some months with regular batonnage before blending.

Spicy biscotti and apple blossom fragrance with a hint of apricot kernel on the nose. The flavours of this wine are reminiscent of crunchy crab-apple and pear. With rich textures this wine finishes long and fresh. The 2009 Pinot Gris should cellar well for the medium term (4-6 years)

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

After a dry winter and spring, the vines got off to a good growing start and set well balanced crops. The heat wave in January, while not ideal was pre-veraison (the grapes were small and as hard as bullets) and caused few problems. The weather after this, in February, March and into April was cool with particularly cool nights -absolutely perfect for slow ripening, accumulation of flavours and retention of natural acid.

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VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2009
Region	Eden Valley
Winemaker	Louisa Rose
Harvested	11th & 23rd February 2009
Treatment	Fermented & matured for 6 months in mature French oak barriques
Alc/Vol	13%
Total Acid	5.4 g/L
pH	3.03
Cellaring	4-6 years

