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SANDPIPER PINOT GRIS

The Sandpiper range is named after the migratory bird which visits the Thorn-Clarke vineyards annually from the northern hemisphere - something of a reminder of the tenacity and commitment which is required for long term viticulture.



According to our winemakers Pinot gris is one of the most challenging white wines to make. The first choice they are faced with is when to pick and what style to make. There are of course two style of wine made from the same grape variety (Pinot gris and Pinot grigio). The styles can range from crisp, lean and racy to luscious, opulent and rich. The latter part of the spectrum is generally labeled as Pinot gris. The style relies on flavour richness and texture.

VINTAGE	2011	REGION	Eden Valley
VINEYARD	Mount Crawford	HARVESTED	April 2011
BOTTLED	September 2011	ALCOHOL	12.5% v/v

WINEMAKERS NOTE

The 2011 Sandpiper Pinot Gris has a lifted pear aroma with subtle spice overtones. The rich palate is medium bodied with excellent texture, ripe pear and spice flavours.

VINTAGE

This vintage had a cool, slow ripening period which has in turn produced superb white wines.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was harvested at night when the winemakers felt the flavours were right. The juice was gently extracted from the fruit to minimise colour pick up (the fruit is a dark pink/grey colour). Cool fermentation was carried out in stainless steel to retain fruit characters. Extended time on lees add to the texture of the wine.

