

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.



VINTAGE	2014	REGION	Eden Valley
HARVESTED	March 2014	BOTTLED	August 2014
ALCOHOL	11.5%	VINEYARD	Mt Crawford

WINEMAKERS NOTE

The wine has the distinctive varietal pale bronze colour. The wine has lifted nashi pear primary fruit characters with a hint of raw fennel. The palate follows the lead of the aroma with pear and citrus fruit flavours. The palate has clean and soft acid with a refreshing finish.

VINTAGE

Spring rainfall was well below average with several days reaching 30°C. The growing season had even temperatures and little rainfall.

Ripening was slow and steady leading to the development of good floral characters and the fruit retaining its natural acidity.

WINEMAKING

Harvest was carried out at night. The fruit was pressed (using an airbag press). After settling the juice was warmed and inoculated with a neutral yeast selected for its ability to respect the purity of the fruit.

Post fermentation the wine was stabilized, minimally fined, filtered then bottled.

