



PETALUMA

WHITE LABEL PINOT GRIS 2016

Petaluma is committed to producing the very best wines from South Australia's most distinguished viticultural areas.

The 2016 vintage in the Adelaide Hills was preceded by a lovely wet winter, but then a very dry spring. Unusually the region had a terrible frost on the morning of the 27th of November, which destroyed an enormous amount of fruit. Much of South Australia was also affected and such a late frost only happens very rarely, and in the driest years. Happily our Pinot Gris vineyards escaped damage.

The month of December was then the hottest on record, another example of climate change. The vineyards were looking very thirsty, with irrigation only just keeping stress under control. January was warm and dry, until some beautiful and much needed rain on the 22nd and 29th of the month, up to 80ml falling in most parts of the Hills. We had a little more rain in early February and the fruit on the vine looked and tasted wonderful.

We handpicked the ripe Pinot Gris in late February from six small vineyards; three blocks in Piccadilly, the other blocks in Balhannah, Lenswood and Kenton Valley. The fruit was transported to our winery at Woodside where it was whole bunch pressed, the free run juice briefly settled, before being seeded with yeast to conduct the primary fermentation, the conversion of grape sugars to alcohol. 56% was fermented in older French oak barriques (225 litres), the remainder in stainless steel tanks. The wine in barrel was yeast lees stirred regularly once the ferment had finished, helping mouth feel and complexity.

The wine in barrel was then emptied and blended with the tank fermented batch after 8 weeks in oak. The resultant blend was then settled and cold stabilised before filtration to bottle in May 2016.

The 2016 Pinot Gris is the result of a great vintage. Classic high country, cool climate racy bracing acidity with crunchy pears and apples is complexed by nuances of oak and ginger. Hints of stone fruits and lemon and lime herald a slurpable, full flavoured Pinot Gris.

Andrew Hardy
Senior Winemaker

ABV%	13.5
TA g/L	7.2
pH	2.97
Dry Scale	Dry



THE WHITE LABEL RANGE ARE CRAFTED IN THE SAME PETALUMA PHILOSOPHY AS THE HIGHLY REGARDED YELLOW LABEL. THE GRAPES ARE GROWN IN THE KEY REGIONS OF ADELAIDE HILLS AND COONAWARRA. THESE WINES ARE PERFECT TO ENJOY UPON THEIR RELEASE AND COMPLIMENT OCCASIONS WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY AND FOOD.