

Gamay Vin Gris 2018

Technical Information:

Appellation	VQA Creek Shores
Vineyard(s)	Whitty Vineyard
Grape Variety(ies)	100% Gamay Noir
Brix at Harvest	21.4°
Alcohol Content	11.5%
Residual Sugar	3 grams - dry
Total Production	338 cases (12 x 750ml)



TASTING NOTES

The aromas are fruity, with notes of flowers and wild strawberries and raspberries. The wine is fermented totally dry with flavours of sour cherries, lemon and herbs with bright acidity and almost no noticeable tannin. Enjoy this wine lightly-chilled in its youth to fully express the fresh aromatics and lively flavours of this unique style of wine.

WINEMAKING NOTES

From an early pick of our Whitty Vineyard in Creek Shores, our Vin Gris is the result of classic white wine-making techniques used on red grapes – full bunches put into the press, free run juice collected and a very soft pressing, resulting in just the faintest tint of pink. The wine was bottled in March 2019 following a light fining and filtration.

VINTAGE NOTES

The winter of 2017/2018 was again mild, with an especially warm February, but a cool April with some snow and ice pushed bud-burst back for an average start to the growing season. Once the summer finally started it was hot and humid, with prolonged periods of extreme heat. Luckily rain started in September, perfect to refresh grapes destined for early picking such as Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Gamay for sparkling and Pinot Gris and Chardonnay for whites. Unfortunately, the rain did not stop and there was some pressure to pick late ripening whites and early ripening reds before disease set in. Gamay, Pinot Noir, Riesling and Merlot had to be sorted in the vineyard and again on sorting tables in the winery to ensure only pristine bunches were kept. The rain finally subsided in late October so late-ripening varieties such as Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon were harvested in pristine condition. Overall yields were low with intense ripeness in most varieties. Early picked whites are crisp and full of flavour while later picked reds are full-bodied with ripe tannins. Wines will be drinking well on release or can cellar for the medium term.