

# Alta Tasting Notes

## 2007 Pinot Grigio

### Grapes

100% Pinot Gris

### District of origin of grapes

Adelaide Hills, South Australia

### Vintage conditions

A succession of sixteen frosts across two weeks in September 2006 left many vineyard owners exhausted, but the efforts to protect their grapes was well rewarded in fruit quality.

The lead up to harvest was warm and dry and grapes responded well with harvest dates two to three weeks ahead of schedule. Lower than average yields were attributed to the lack of summer rain and spring frosts. The inaugural Alta Pinot Grigio is an excellent example of the quality that resulted from the 2007 vintage in the Adelaide Hills.

### Vinification

Grapes for the 2007 Alta Pinot Grigio were sourced from a single high altitude vineyard found in the heart of the Adelaide Hills wine region. Grapes were selected based on strong varietal and regional characters.

Regular vineyard assessments leading up to harvest ensured that grapes were picked when the flavours were at their optimal intensity. They were hand harvested and whole bunch pressed in order to minimise phenolic and colour pick up in the juice. My biggest challenge was to ensure that the fresh flavours and remarkable structure of the juice was retained throughout the winemaking process. A complementary yeast strain was selected based on its ability to highlight varietal and regional flavours and enhance palate structure. Free run and pressings were fermented separately in stainless steel between 14 and 16 degrees celcius. The wine was racked off lees after completion of the ferment and stored cool in stainless steel prior to bottling.

### Analysis

Alcohol 13.1%

pH 3.15

Total Acid 7.10g/L

### Colour

Vibrant straw with golden hues.

### Aroma

Distinctly varietal with intense grapefruit and citrus blossom.

### Palate

Refreshing, with exceptional mid palate weight. Fruit driven with rich pear and zesty lemon citrus flavours, the palate has great length and persistence.

### Winemakers comments

2007 marks the first release of Alta Pinot Grigio - a wine style that reflects the cool climate nature of the Adelaide Hills. Great care has been taken throughout the winemaking process to ensure that this wine remains true to the variety, featuring classic pear and floral citrus flavours, balanced against fresh acid, giving structure and length. The wine is approachable now and with suitable storage, will remain fresh and attractive for several years. I hope that you agree that my Alta Pinot Grigio is very satisfying and highly versatile with food. Sarah Fletcher - Winemaker

