

2009 INNOCENT BYSTANDER PINOT GRIS

Review Summary



89 pts “Light straw-green; has above-average weight and palate richness, well into true Gris territory, the overall balance good.”

James Halliday
2011 Australian Wine Companion

88 pts “Marked by modest apple and pear fruit on the nose, this is a fairly richly textured but dry example of Pinot Gris. It’s not the most complex wine, but it fills the mouth with ripe tree fruits and a slightly warm finish.”

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
November 2010

88 pts “Comprised of around 7 different vineyards, the 2009 Pinot gris is fermented using 50% wild yeast, mainly in tanks though 20% old oak is also used. It has subtle aromas of peaches and golden delicious apples with some capers in there and a pinch of white pepper. With a medium-full body and medium acid, this wine has a nice viscosity in the mouth and a long finish.”

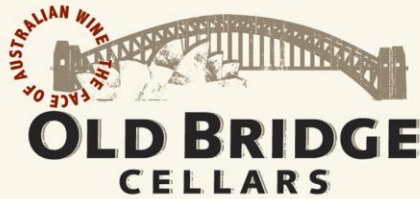
Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
June 30, 2010, Issue #182

86 pts

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2010

87 pts “Bright and appealing for its juicy, parsley-accented apple and star fruit flavors, hovering quietly on the finish.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator Online, 2010



“Don’t let your life flash before your eyes without sampling Innocent Bystander. The Innocent Bystander Victoria Pinot Gris 2009 has great acidity with the aromas and flavors of pear, green apple, lime and a touch of minerals. Having a Sunday Brunch? The perfect pairing is Eggs Florentine. The music match is “The End” by The Doors from their eponymous album.”

TheWineHarlots.com
April 30, 2011

“**Very Good +** Let’s just come right out and say that the Innocent Bystander Pinot Gris 2009, Yarra Yarra Valley, Victoria, Australia, is delightful, but at the same time, while “delight” might conjure a notion of being too eager to please, the wine is also fresh, pert and sassy, talkin’ back and takin’ names, an Ellen Page of a wine. The bouquet is freighted with aromas of cloves and ginger, jasmine and honeysuckle, apple and spiced pear, with undercurrents of lime, fennel and thyme. Bright and vibrant, this pinot gris zings with crisp acidity and sings with crystalline notes of limestone minerality, while offering tasty peach, pear and quince flavors. It drinks almost too easily. We had it one night with seared swordfish marinated in lime, ginger, garlic, soy sauce and white wine. The wine ages in neutral or used French oak barrels, a device that lends it a sheen of woody spice and a lovely, shapely structure.”

Fredric Koeppl, www.biggerthanyourhead.net
August 7th, 2011

“**Very Good + Great Value.** Innocent Bystander Pinot Gris 2009 in three words, charming, delightful, appealing. A blend of 91 percent Pinot Gris grapes and 9 percent Viognier, aged a few months in older French oak barrels, and sporting a lovely pale-straw-gold color, the wine offers a seductive bouquet of jasmine, green apple and lemon balm infused with bee’s-wax and hints of cloves and ginger. Bone-dry but nicely ripe and rounded, Innocent Bystander Pinot Gris 09 delivers flavors of pears and roasted lemon buoyed by touches of dried thyme and lime peel, pea shoots, more ginger and just a pass at the tang of grapefruit’s bracing bitterness, way out at the edge of the finish. Crystalline acidity and a nod at damp limestone complete an irresistible package.”

Fredric Koeppl, www.biggerthanyourhead.net
June 28, 2010

“Really liked this one — for its crisp green apple and melon fruit, juicy citrus and cut grass accent that lingers on the moderate finish. Interesting!”

Robyn Tinsley, www.wineskinny.com
July 21, 2010

“Hand-picked, whole bunch pressed grapes were subjected to indigenous and cultured yeasts to create this elegant Gris. Has musk, pear and white peach on the nose with acidity lifting the grapefruit-like palate. Try with octopus.”

Jeff Colleson, Daily Telegraph
September 4, 2010