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2013 INNOCENT BYSTANDER PINOT GRIS

WINEMAKER: Steve Flamsteed & Phil Sexton
REGION: Yarra Valley, Victoria
VARIETALS: Pinot Gris
FERMENTATION: 50% stainless steel, 50% in older French oak
ANALYSIS: 13.0% alc/vol | 3.32 pH | 5.37 TA

ABOUT THE VARIETAL:

Being a variant of Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris originated in the Burgundian vineyards of France. However, it wasn't until the vine migrated to the northern region of Alsace, that it made a name for itself. In Australia, there are two distinctively different styles of Pinot Gris. Firstly, there is a zippy, vibrant style with lemon freshness and crisp acidity. This contrasts with a richer type that has greater body and texture. In both styles, there is often an attractive mineral element that adds complexity.

VINIFICATION:

100% hand picked and whole bunch pressed with free run and pressings portions kept separate. 50% was stainless steel fermented at less than 63°F and 50% fermented in seasoned French oak at 68-75°F. 50% of the wine then matured in the same seasoned oak. Indigenous and cultured yeasts were used to increase layers of complexity. Lees were stirred monthly until October. Protein, cold stabilised and lightly fined in tank prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

The nose reveals notes of lemon peel, preserved ginger, cardamom and freshly cut white pears. The palate is lively, crisp and fresh and lingers like fresh lemonade. Pinot Gris' pinky-grey skins produce a crunchy, crisp and textural wine, which adores fish, spicy food, and fresh or semi-hard Goats cheese.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

91 pts Australian Wine Companion

ABOUT INNOCENT BYSTANDER:

Established in 1998, Innocent Bystander has forged a reputation for delivering some of the Yarra Valley's most consistent, over-performing, affordable, varietal wines. Using 100% hand-picked fruit, wild ferments and gravity-flow winemaking techniques, their wines, made with minimal filtration and fining, reflect the climate, soil and topography of the Yarra Valley. These strikingly branded wines have established a strong reputation in restaurants and fine wine stores around the world.



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