



2011 INNOCENT BYSTANDER PINOT GRIS

Review Summary



89 pts “Pale peach skin color. Aromas of lime, pear and mint. Supple and quite dry, with bracing flavors of lime peel and bitter pear skin. Finishes stony and brisk, with a tangy citrus peel character and a touch of smokiness. I like this wine’s blend of energy and fleshiness, which makes it very flexible with a range of foods.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2012

87 pts

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2013

100 Top New Release Wines “Good drinking and good value seem the maker’s rule, and this wine delivers. Attractive spicy aroma with fullness and complexity; the palate also has a degree of richness above its station, rare in 2011, and a smooth, savory palate which finishes clean and dry.”

Huon Hooke
Australian Gourmet Traveller Wine
October 2012

Best 100 Australian Wines “Phil Sexton and Steve Flamsteed have aced this year’s 100 with three 2011 Innocent Bystander wines all vying for a position. The Chardonnay, with its classy fruit, flecks of green herbs and waxy honey is a sensual delight. The Pinot Noir is perfectly balanced with fresh red cherry fruit and a velvety texture, showing that they have mastered Yarra’s two mainstay grapes, but the star of the show, and arguably the most difficult to truly impress with, is this taut, focused, nerve-tingling PG. Let’s hope they manage to convince people to come back to this much maligned variety because this is a thigh-slappingly delicious wine.”

Matthew Jukes
Best 100 Australian Wines 2012
May 11, 2012



“Like gesso to a canvas, this quiet but flavorful white lays back and lets any flavor or element in a dish play to good effect against it.”

Bill St. John
ChicagoTribune.com
October 9, 2013

“Winemaker Steve Flamsteed writes, ‘2011 was a cool, wet and challenging year. White varieties reveled in the cool conditions and those growers who avoided late-season molds by careful vineyard work produced some of the best fruit we have seen since our first vintage in 2000.’ Flamsteed’s Pinot Gris and Chardonnay display the lean and tight but tasty character of the season. The Pinot Gris shows varietal pear-like flavor and savory, dry finish.”

Chris Shanahan
Canberra Times
May 27, 2012

