



## BENDIGO SINGLE VINEYARD SCHOOL HOUSE 2019 PINOT GRIS



*A small, sheltered and steeply sloping block of vines produce Pinot Gris with delicacy and fleshy complexity.*

### SINGLE VINEYARD RANGE

Drawing from Gibbston Valley's most intriguing vineyards, the Single Vineyard range gives full voice to site.

### 2019 BENDIGO GROWING SEASON

A very high quality vintage, in spite of a severe October frost. Warm spring and summer conditions gave even bunch weights and moderate yields. Benign conditions continued through to picking, with sufficient rainfall to keep vines healthy. Fruit at harvest was in beautiful condition.

### VINEYARD

This wine draws its fruit from a small, east sloping section of the School House block with east/west vine orientation. 420m above sea level, its complex glacial sands and schist combine with the slope to ensure low fertility, moderate vine growth, and small concentrated bunches. Cool daytime temperatures elongate ripening, meaning wines from here have a remarkable intensity, elegance and perfume. BioGro certified organic.

### HARVEST DETAILS

#### CLONE

2-15

#### VINEYARD

School House, 250-370m

#### SOIL

A mix of fine loess, sand, clay and subsoil schist.

#### HARVEST DATE

8/04/2019

#### BRIX

23

#### TITRATABLE ACIDITY

7.5 g/l

#### PH

3.16

### WINE ANALYSIS

#### ALCOHOL

13.5%

#### RESIDUAL SUGAR

9.7 g/l

#### TITRATABLE ACIDITY

5 g/l

#### PH

3.5

### WINEMAKING DETAILS

Fruit was hand picked, whole bunch pressed and fermented in a blend of accacia puncheons (60%) and stainless steel barriques (40%). The natural fermentation was long and gradual, eventually stopping at 9g/L RS. The wine gradually built layers of subtle texture during 10 months of aging on full lees.

### AROMA AND PALATE

Bright straw gold colour. The nose has a bright array of honeycomb and fig aromatics. The palate is rich and decadent, with a lush expansion of beautifully shaped ripe fruit. Elegant and long, it continues with a fine persistence.

### CELLARING

The 2019 School House Pinot Gris will be at its best after 5 - 8 years.

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