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SPRING SEED WINE 'POPPY' 2015 McLAREN VALE PINOT GRIGIO

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Spring Seed Wines are made from grapes lovingly grown in our family's organic vineyard, located in the premium wine region of McLaren Vale, South Australia. The vineyard was established in the early 1970's by Peter and Anthea Bosworth, and is now owned and run by their son Joch, who began the conversion to organic viticulture in 1995. The vines are fully certified 'A' grade organic by Australian Certified Organic, a process that takes four years and involves yearly audits and random sampling of produce. The Spring Seed Wine labels are unashamedly inspired by vintage flower seed packets created at the turn of the last century. The colour, clarity and beauty of the original seed packets are quite remarkable. We have chosen the Poppy, Alyssum and Sweet William flower images for our Pinot Grigio labels.

Vintage 2015

We had a very early start to vintage in 2015, with generally mild conditions throughout. We had only a handful of hot days, which allowed natural acids to develop nicely. This was a very short, sharp vintage, with most winemakers finishing their vintage well before Easter. Yields were down, somewhere between 10 and 30% depending on variety. Joch's take on the whole thing? 'Fast, early and pretty'.

Winemaking

You can make two styles of wine with this variety; the Grigio comes from mountains in the north east of Italy (Fruili) and is fresher and lighter than the Pinot Gris which hails from the Alsace. We are aiming for the Grigio style (hence the name on the bottle!) and because of this, we pick early and at night and ferment the wine in stainless steel. Picking at night helps us keep the grapes cool and protect the natural acidity of the wine. We don't mature the wine in oak at all.

Tasting Note

'Poppy' has a delicate nose of pear skin and citrus, a delicious combination which pervades the palate, too. This wine is perfect as an aperitif, or terrific with sushi or creamy soft white cow cheeses.

Technical Details

Vineyard: Cox's Block

Picking Date: 4th February 2015 – my birthday, actually.

Alc/Vol: 13.0%

Bottling date: 11th May 2015

~ made with organically grown grapes from our vineyard ~