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SPRING SEED WINE 'POPPY' 2019 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 2019

We had good spring rains but lower summer rainfall than we usually receive in McLaren Vale. As a result of this dry growing period, disease pressure was low (no mildews!) although we had a couple of heat spikes in late January and some hot days in February which resulted in reduced crops compared to 2018 (down by up to 30% depending on variety). Whites were picked early in February and picking of the reds started at the beginning of March and was largely all over by the end of the month. Quality is terrific however.

Winemaking

Our Pinot Grigio is more Fruili from Italy than Pinot Gris from Alsace; we want light fresh crisp and clean rather than the more serious weighty style from France. So, we pick the grapes early, to make a fresh crisp wine with zippy acidity. The grapes are picked at night to help further maintain the natural acidity. The wine spends no time in oak and is bottled under Stelvin, fresh and bright.

Tasting Note

Gentle notes of pear and white flowers are to be found in this wine...Poppy is a bit of a wallflower in many regards with its delicate, retiring flavours. They are best savoured chilled as an aperitif or with sushi, or maybe creamy cheeses. Nothing too overpowering.

Technical Details

Vineyard: Cox's Block

Picking Date: 12th February 2019

Alc/Vol: 13.0%

Bottling date: 6th May 2019

~ made with organically grown grapes from our vineyard ~