



Horseshoe Bay at South Australia's Port Elliot was once known as the "ship trap", with seven ships wrecked there during 1853-64. One of these, the Brigantine "Josephine L'Oiseau" met her fate on 10th July 1856 after she broke her moorings during a gale. Happily, no lives were lost during this ordeal and this Pinot Gris is named in memory of those hardy souls and the ship they sailed in.

VINTAGE 2020

Vintage 2020 was marked by weather extremes and the Cudlee Creek bushfire which impacted on 761 ha of vineyard plantings in the region. However, the benefit of cool climate viticulture won through for the rest of the district with winemakers crafting crisp white wines and stunning reds. The grape growing season began well then faced unseasonably cold conditions in the final stages of flower development and flowering. This meant that grapes failed to set and for the second consecutive season yields were below 60% of the average crops of the mid-2010s. Unlike its neighbours, the Adelaide Hills had just two heatwaves during the growing season. The first, over 5 days, resulted in the Cudlee Creek bushfire which broke out on December 20. The second heatwave, over the last four days of December, caused minimal damage as grape berries were still hard and green and resistant to heat damage. The remainder of summer included several heat spikes meaning that vine canopies remained undamaged, fully protecting berries as they ripened.

ALCOHOL	12%
REGION	Adelaide Hills
COMPOSITION	Pinot Gris
pH	3.38
Ta	5.68

TASTING NOTES

We harvest our Pinot Gris in the early morning and crush while the grapes are still chilled from the cool Adelaide Hills night air. This ensures we retain the fresh aromas of pear and apple, with a hint of tropical fruit. The palate is delightfully crisp, with lingering green apple flavours.

SHAW FAMILY VINTNERS
THE JOSEPHINE
2020 PINOT GRIS

