



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

Despite the extremes in weather during the 2018 growing season, the final stages of both flavour development and sugar ripening combined to result in wines that will reflect the advantages of growing grapes in the Adelaide Hills.

Bud-burst was late for the 2018 season, almost as late as recorded in the wet and cold conditions in the unusually late 2017. However soil temperatures rose steadily resulting in an even budburst, although shoot growth was significantly slower than usual.

Fruit set throughout the region was average to above average. Canopies developed to be as large as 2016 vintage with full capacity to ripen crop loads. January, February and April were the warmest recorded in the last eight seasons. A cooler than average March enabled ideal night temperatures for colour and flavour development

ALCOHOL	12%
REGION	Adelaide Hills
COMPOSITION	Pinot Gris
pH	3.09

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.

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THE JOSEPHINE
2018 PINOT GRIS

