

MINISTRY OF CLOUDS

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2021 GAMAY

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ADELAIDE HILLS

Yay Yay for Gamay...

We have been searching for Gamay in the Adelaide Hills since we started Ministry of Clouds, little did we know that the beloved Turnbull family had planted Gamay into their spectacular Charleston site. Lending itself to bright, fragrant, light bodied wines, with nervy acidity, we can't think of a more suited variety for an Australian summer, seafood, and the evolving pan-Asian cuisine of our home, and our country.

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Creation

Planted in to shallow sandy loam, over schist, ironstone, speckled quartz, and some limestone, at a height of 440m above sea level, this vineyard was both shoot thinned and green harvested to ensure even ripening. With a view to supporting the natural fragrance and exuberance of Gamay with the gentle complexity of sappy stalk tannin, fruit was hand harvested and separated into two distinct wild ferments - one 100% whole bunch carbonic, and the other de-stemmed to whole berries and fermented in a traditional open vat. With a variety of extraction methods used including gentle punch downs, and foot stomping, the majority of the blend was on skins for 33 days, before a gentle basket press and maturation upon fine lees in two old french oak puncheons.

Composition

Shy at first, this wine unfolds with air to show bright raspberry and chalky lift, with cardamom, nutmeg and freshly turned earth below. On the palate this wine is coiled around a lovely acid line, with cranberry, raspberry fruit, gentle wood spice, decaying leaves, and a sherbety tannin profile all evident. A wine of delicacy and purity, not brute power.

Consumption

A pre-dinner platter complete with saucisson, duck rillettes, cornichons and crunchy toasted baguette... or panfried marinated quails served on a bed of fresh spring vegetable risotto... yum!

VARIETIES: 100% GAMAY

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

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