



## TASTING NOTE

### 2018 'Gentle Blend' Pinot Gris, Riesling and Gewürztraminer

Made from grapes sourced off our own Riesling blocks and Pinot Gris and Gewürztraminer from a passionate local grower. This wine is inspired by the great classic white blends of the noble white wine varieties in Alsace, France.

Best's also have a long history of producing superb aromatic white wines including some of these varieties. We are lucky enough to have these varieties for this blend growing in Great Western and with the quality of the fruit for 2016 vintage we were motivated to make a wine with a blend of these varieties for the first time. Some skin contact has added to the complexity and texture of this wine.

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Region:** Great Western, Victoria

**Grape Variety:** Pinot Gris, Riesling and Gewürztraminer

**Alcohol:** 12.0%

**Winemaker:** Justin Purser

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**Colour:** Pale straw with some bronze hints.

**Bouquet:** Lifted aromas of pears, orange blossom, lavender, lychee and almond meal. All elements are in harmony, but each one vies for attention

**Palate:** A wine of texture with pear and lime flavours resonating. The wine evolves in the mouth with a slippery and fleshy palate, fine powdery acidity at the end with a soft rounded finish.

**Cellaring:** The aromatic characteristics of this wine are best appreciated in the short to medium term, but this wine will gain complexity over the next ten years or so. Great with spicy Asian food.  
Drink now to 2029.

**Vintage:** The vineyards set off to a great start, but the dry conditions throughout spring triggered a devastating frost on 4<sup>th</sup> November. The grapes on the lower vineyards were lost, but those on higher elevations were largely unaffected. Apart from a few warm days in January the conditions throughout the season were excellent and perfect ripening weather continued long into Autumn. A stand out year for whites with high natural acidity and fine flavours.



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