



## BELLBRAE ESTATE



### 2019 Longboard Pinot Gris

*Bendigo, VIC*

#### Background

Pinot Gris is the only varietal in our range that we don't grow... yet, but that's okay, any excuse for a Road Trip! Our Pinot Gris is true to the French styles of Alsace, where the fruit ripens on the vine a little longer to make a fuller wine with generous fruit characters, but retaining its crisp acidity. This contrasts with the Italian Pinot Grigio styles that are leaner and lighter bodied. Like the French we use a hint of oak and lees maturation to add texture and complexity. The result is a delicious all-rounder that is great with food or just to enjoy on a warm afternoon.

#### Tasting Note

Swirl the glass and liberate a heady mix of jasmine, rose and gillyflower. The 2019 Pinot Gris is lustrous but delicate, smoky but airy. It has classic Packham pear, white peach and nectarine fruit with a dash of mimosa. A short period in French oak adds vanillin and texture, whilst a fresh drive of acidity gives the wine appreciable length on the finish.

#### Technical

**Grape:** 100% Pinot Gris

**Soil:** Granitic sands

**Location:** Harcourt, Bendigo Region

**Oak treatment:** 4 months in 2-3 yr old French barriques

**Wine Analysis:** Alc= 13.5%, pH: 3.27, TA: 6.5 g/l