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# Weemala



## 2017 Pinot Gris

Weemala is both an Aboriginal word for 'good view' and the name of our vineyard in the Central Ranges of NSW. As the birds that live here can testify, it does have a bloody good view. Right now you've got a pretty good view of our Pinot Gris. The 2017 Pinot Gris is light copper in colour, and has aromas of quince, blood orange, honeysuckle and nougat with pear, white peach, ripe lemon and almond flavours on a silkily textured palate before a long dry lemony finish.

### VINEYARD

The Pinot Gris grapes for this dry white wine, grown at an elevation of greater than 850 metres on the slopes of Mount Canobolas in Orange, were harvested between 11.5° and 13.3° Baumé, from the 22nd February to 20th March 2017.

2017 was a funny old vintage. Summer was warm but with plenty of soil moisture from high winter and spring rain in the NSW central ranges. This meant we had plenty of leaf canopy which we used to shade the grape bunches from the summer sun. And as summer was quite dry there wasn't much pressure from mould and fungus.

2017 ended up a really good harvest from both our Mudgee and Orange vineyards. As the grapes reached flavour and tannin ripeness at low sugar levels, alcohol levels are generally on the milder side.

The vines have been trained on a VSP trellis system.

### WINEMAKING

After picking and crushing the grapes in the cool of the night, the majority of the juice was clarified by floatation with oxygen and nitrogen. Most of the wine was processed utilising oxidative handling of the juice pre-ferment. 20% of the wine was fermented on skins. This portion remained on skins for 14 days before being pressed off skins. The wine underwent wild yeast ferment and the fermentations averaged 20 days in mostly stainless steel tanks (15% in oak) at low temperatures. The wine remained on full yeast lees with regular stirring for 5 months. The wine was filtered before bottling.

### ANALYSIS

Alcohol	13.0 %
Titratible acidity	5.10 g/L
pH	3.46
Residual sugar	2.80 g/L