



# 2017 MCPHERSON PINOT GRIGIO

*Andrew and Nicki McPherson established a small vineyard in country Australia in 1968. With their family's help they built one of Australia's leading wineries and are widely recognised as pioneers of the Australian Wine Industry. Today, McPherson Wines are being enjoyed in twenty six countries across the globe and are one of Australia's largest family owned wineries. The wines are celebrated for their beautifully crafted, fruit driven, Australian style.*

**Winemaker: Jo Nash**

**BRONZE MEDAL** Victorian Wine Show 2017  
**3 STARS WINESTATE** Magazine's Annual Pinot Grigio / Pinot Gris Wine Show Results 2017



***The beautiful Bella is one of the growing tribe of McPherson grandchildren. Her whimsical nature combined with a steely determination enchants us all. This combination of strength and fancy is what draws us to the beauty of our Pinot Grigio.***

#### VINTAGE INFORMATION

Region	South Eastern Australia
Varietal	100% Pinot Grigio
Alcohol	12%
Best Consumed	2018 - 2021

#### JO'S WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

Fruit for the Pinot Grigio was harvested from our Murray Darling vineyards during March 2017. The juice was run off the skins early, in order to extract only the perfect amount of colour and then inoculated and fermented cool. This allowed the retention of the summer berry characters, as well as retaining colour and intensity. Post fermentation the wine was fined, cold stabilised and filtered, ready for bottling. The entire process from juice to bottle was less than **10 weeks**, keeping the wine fresh and vivacious.

#### JO'S HARVEST NOTES

Vintage 2017 is best described as a waiting game. The season was very long with fruit slow to ripen and although the urge just to pick it all was there, we had to bide our time until we had optimal flavours and ripeness. Once I made the decision to pick the grapes came in at an orderly pace, although increased yields due to the rain in spring made the juggling game in the winery even more challenging, with tank space at a premium. We made it through our marathon 2017 vintage and are thrilled with the exceptional quality including a number of really extraordinary parcels.

#### JO'S WINE DESCRIPTION

Bella's Pinot Grigio is a fresh, fruit driven wine with slightly savoury flavours of pear and citrus.

#### JO'S FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

Our 2017 Pinot Grigio is great on its own or perfect with cheese or anything from the sea.