

2015 El Desperado

Pinot Grigio



Our first ever Vintage of El Desperado was 2011, and will always be known in Australian wine history as the *vintage from hell*, as many vineyards succumb to the wet summer. For the Pawn, we sacrificed making our full range of wines that year to create a brand new style of wine. Although we did not set out to make the **El Desperado** before that vintage, when you taste this wine, by hell you will be glad we did.

This wine shows aromas of melons and pears with a subtle hint of tropical and citrus fruits. It has an intense aroma of fresh-cut pear and cling-stone peach accented by citrus blossom and soft floral notes.

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On the palate the texture is very smooth, with juicy Nashi pear, Honeydew melon and lemon sherbet flavours all entwined with a middle palate viscosity that makes it both refreshing, soft and juicy. It is almost silk-like with overtones of almonds and acacia flowers, citrus and spice and just enough natural acidity to give a clean crisp finish.

**Chess trivia** - In chess, El Desperado is a doomed pawn that seems determined to give itself up to bring about a stalemate when captured, a pawn that is as good as dead and so sets out to do as much damage as possible.

**Goes best with** - It will accompany spicy Asian inspired cuisine, Vietnamese take-away, or just a slab of Sashimi with a sharp knife, a spray of soy sauce and a tube of wasabi.

**Cellaring Trivia** - This wine is enjoyable young, but with its spicy texture and palate weight, it has the structure to flower into a classic over the next 2 years

**Label Trivia** - For your drinking pleasure, when the Daisy on the label changes to reveal the skull (16°), it indicates the wine will need to be put on ice or back in the fridge.

**Harvest Date** - February 24th, 2015, 6am

**Vineyard Location** - Macclesfield, Adelaide Hills, South Australia,  
-35.186149, 138.815208

**Harvest Weight** - 8.5 tonnes/hectare

**Clonal Material** - VV13

**Alcohol** - 13 %



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