

# Briar Ridge



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Limited Release  
**2019 'The Sticky Hive'**  
**Late Harvest Viognier | Pinot Gris**

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## VINTAGE

Despite some close calls with frost, 2019 turned out to be an excellent vintage and produced arguably the best wines from the area in a very long time. Hot weather in January and February had marginal impact on our vineyard and by the time ripening was well underway in March, conditions had cooled considerably. This led to one of the longest ripening seasons for many years and the last fruit was harvested in May. The long 'hang time' led to fruit of great flavour and balance.

## VINEYARD

Our Wrattenbully vineyard vines are grown on well-drained fertile red clays over limestone located in the Limestone Coast region, S.A. The vineyard has drip irrigation installed on each vine row to ensure vine health and consistency of quality. The crop yields are relatively low, producing excellent concentration of fruit flavour.

## WINEMAKING

The grapes for this wine were picked at optimal ripeness to achieve a late harvest style wine. They were then destemmed and lightly crushed into the press before being pressed off to a stainless steel tank. Following cold settling, the juice was racked clean to fermentation into stainless steel. The ferment was closely monitored and once the optimal balance of sweetness and acidity was reached, the ferment was stopped. The wine was then stabilised and prepared for bottling.

## TASTING NOTES

A vibrant and fruitful dessert wine made from Viognier and Pinot Gris off our Wrattenbully vineyard. Notes of white blossom and apricot perfumes the nose leading into a rich palate of spicy pear, apricot and honey characters. A sweet dessert style wine to be enjoyed with your favourite cheeses, desserts or summer fruits.

## CELLARING:

Made to be enjoyed now.

ALC./VOL: 9.0% | STD DRINKS: 2.7 | BOTTLED: October 2019 – 375mL

pH: 3.35 | TA: 7.5 g/l



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