

BELLA COPPIA

2010 Adelaide Hills Arneis

Grab

Pithy, dry white – the ultimate summer cleanser - salt n pepper squid anyone?

Spiel

This is the ultimate summer cleanser. Forget your G&T, this Arneis from the cool climbs of the Adelaide Hills will quench and refresh. Citrus and lime zest with a hint of nashi pear and minerality.

But this wine isn't just an aperitivo tease. Its purity of fruit, zippy persistence, and finely textured finish make it the 'perfect match' for a feast of dishes.

You'll love it....we love it!

Colour

Pale straw, with tinges of green

Bouquet

Nashi pear and passionfruit, with a hint of lime

Palate

Nashi pear and pithy fruit flavours dominate, with lime zest and minerality, making the palate long and zingy. Some say Sauvignon Blanc, some say Pinot Grigio, I say Arneis!

Grub Match

Fresh scallops with ginger and shallots; chilli crabs; salt n pepper squid; agnolotti al plin

Cellaring

Drink up!

Vintage

We received some of the best winter rains for five years that refilled soil profiles and replenished empty irrigation dams. Hooray! But an unseasonal seven day burst of hot weather in early November during flowering, reduced fruit-set and led to variable yields. Boo! Weather conditions through the ripening months of February and March were ideal with warm sunny days and relatively cool nights. Hooray! Although rain events in April kept us on our toes. Boo! So the 10 vintage 'wasn't all beer and skittles'. The variable ripening made it tough to decide when to pick, but experience and sorcery got us through, resulting in some solid booze in the winery. Hooray!

Vineyard

The Hicks' vineyard is near Kuitpo in the southern Adelaide Hills - 380m above sea level on clay with ironstone – the spot!

Vinification

The aim throughout the fruit processing stage is to preserve the fresh flavours by gentle handling, and by keeping the fruit and juice as cool as possible. The hand picked fruit is crushed as soon as it arrives at the winery and the free run juice drained off immediately. This is then fermented by a neutral yeast strain at low temperatures of 12-15°C so that the wine maintains primary fruit aromas and flavours. Throughout the process the aim is for minimal handling, and attention to detail, ensuring that the delicate aromatics are not compromised. Fermented to dryness, this wine was filtered and bottled soon after vintage in August 2010.

