

# EL DESPERADO by THE PAWN WINE CO

## 2021 Pinot Grigio

My 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. At the Pawn, I sacrificed making my full range of wines that year to create a brand new style of wines. A Pawn, desperate to stay in the game, willing to sacrifice everything and create something new. Wines with lower in Alcohol, brighter in fruit expression, and minimal human intervention. Although I did not set out to make **El Desperado** before that vintage, when you taste the wines, by hell you will be glad I did. **TK**

This wine shows aromas of Nashi pears and new season white peach with a subtle hint of citrus fruits and sea spray. Once allowed to open up in the glass, it has subtle undertones of fresh-cut spring flowers, Cantaloupe off the knife and is accented by citrus blossom and soft floral notes. On the palate, it has a long textured finish with juicy Honeydew melon and lemon sherbet flavours all entwined with 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 any Asian inspired cuisine, Vietnamese Pho take-away, or just a slab of King Fish with a sharp knife, a spray of soy sauce and a tube of that really hot 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 flower on the label blooms it indicates that the wine is chilled at it's ideal drinking temperature to share and enjoy.

**Harvest Date** – March 1st, 2021

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

**Harvest Weight** – 6.5 tonnes/hectare

**Clonal Material** – VV13

**Alcohol** – 12.4 %

**pH** – 3.18

**T.A.** – 6.6

**Release Date** - 1st November 2021

