



PALE GOLD

Background:

Pale Gold is a lightly fortified wine made from a blend of white varieties. We are very pleased with the way in which the grape flavours in this wine have absorbed the spirit character.

Part of the secret of wines of this type is that they retain more of the flavour molecules that are bound to sugar than a dry wine. This accounts for the depth of flavour and fruitiness of a good fortified.

The name 'Pale Gold' is derived from a passage in the novel 'The Hobbit' by J.R. Tolkien. 'Pale enchanted gold' is discovered in 'dungeons deep and caverns old', a fair description of our mud brick winery built in 1978.

This wine is delicious served with some ice and a dash of our Happs "Limette" (lime liqueur). It is also an excellent base for a summer wine spritzer; just add some soda and your favourite fresh fruit juice, to taste.



Current Release: 2022 Vintage

Viticultural & vinification notes

VINTAGE CONDITIONS	A mild and wet spring was followed by hotter than average temperatures over summer particularly around Xmas which resulted in distinctively riper fruit flavours.	
VINEYARD	Dunsborough and Karridale Hand pruned to rods Hand picked	
GRAPE VARIETY	57% Viognier & 43% Verdelho	
MATURATION	Wholly fermented in stainless steel and matured in bottle under screw cap. .	
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol:	15.0%
	Acidity:	4.8g/l
	pH:	3.30
	Residual Sugar	approx 115 g/l

Winemaker Mark Warren's comments

COLOUR	Pale Gold!
NOSE	This wine is intensely aromatic and displays tropical fruits, nectarine, white flowers, lemon curd, stone fruit and citrus
PALATE	An unctuous wine with sweet fruit that displays a total absence of alcohol heat on the palate. This is a function of only fortifying to 15.0% rather than the more usual 18% for fortified wines. This fruit focused style has peach, nectarine, fig, pear and apple pie flavours with hints of preserved lemon and melon.

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