



Pétillant Naturel. Pinot Gris 2021

Native & Ancient explores the interaction between microbiology and human intervention, of man and nature, through a series of natural wines.

The legwork is done by the diverse microbiota native to the grapes, bark and soils which turns the fruit juice into wine through complex and natural chemical and biological reactions. The human intervention involves making arbitrary choices that rely on a healthy mix of science-based understanding and artistically driven sensory aesthetic.

ARTWORK:

Tom Flaherty's abstract paintings which feature on the labels, are much like the concept of winemaking, exploring the intricate and visceral dynamic between human and nature. Motifs such as growth and decay, macro and micro, the seen and unseen feature in his paintings in a contorted, layered, colourful web of paint.

VINEYARD: Isabel Estate Block 6
(BioGro Certified)

VARIETY: Pinot Gris

WINEMAKER: Josh Hammond

ABV: 12.3%

OENOLOGY:

The wine style, Pet Nat or Petillant Naturel translates to naturally sparkling and is achieved by bottling the wine while it is still fermenting, finishing fermentation in bottle and trapping the carbon dioxide as it is produced. The wine is made in as natural a way as possible, harking back to ancient winemaking techniques, it is unfinned and unfiltered with no added sulphites.

The grapes for this wine are BioGro certified organic Pinot Gris sourced from Block 6 on the Isabel Estate Vineyard.

TASTING NOTES:

A wine reminiscent of standing in the garden on a warm spring morning, the air is rich with the aroma of the jasmine flowers around you and grandma's warm apple pie wafting from the kitchen. Dense and juicy with a long and musing finish.

