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BK WINES



GIN GIN CHARDONNAY 2020

BK WINES || BK Wines was established in 2007 by Brendon and Kirstyn Keys. Today, they are the poster child for the modern artisan, natural wine movement in the Adelaide Hills. “The goal has been to create fabulous art. Beautiful, unique, sensuous, deceptively minimalist, envelope-pushing art. With no pretensions to be somewhere it’s not and few preconceived notions about what wine styles to expect, this is a place where non-conformity is the rule.” The wines are all from small, single vineyard sites, fermented with wild yeasts, unfinned and unfiltered, some with extended skin contacts and of course, the use of clay fermentation eggs. Artist, winemaker, skater.

ADELAIDE HILLS || As Brendon says, Adelaide Hills is “just a cracking great place to live and make wine.” Working closely with a group of growers, BK sources from particular vineyard sites that reflect the uniqueness and diversity of the region.

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BLEND | 100% Chardonnay (Gin Gin clone - the oldest in Australia)

VINEYARDS | A new site for BK in 2020 with great heritage - one of the sites originally planted in 1985 by Brian Croser, a pioneer in Australia for Chardonnay and especially the Piccadilly Valley. Sandstone soils with a lot of quartz at 500 meters, east facing.

WINEMAKING | Hand harvested and direct pressed to French oak barrique, 20% of which are new. The wine underwent full malolactic, with fortnightly (that’s every two weeks) battonage for 8 months after which is was racked and bottled.

TASTING NOTES |

So you fancy yourself a bit of a grapevine geek (that’s cool... everyone needs a hobby) and thought GinGin was the same clone as Mendoza? Ah ha - that’s where you’re wrong! Pour yourself a glass and read up, sunshine. But for the rest of the class, let’s just focus instead on the Old-World beauty that is GinGin. A clone from California, perhaps, but a wine with all of the hallmarks of the Jura. Golden to the eye with an open, slightly oxidative nose (think cashew nuts). Juniper berries and alpine wild flowers with a fresh, rounded texture. Born in the Piccadilly Valley not far from Swaby geographically, made identically in the winery, but ultimately continents apart stylistically.



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