



2018 Bilancia Hawkes Bay Pinot Gris



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A great price on an elegant and silky wine, this Bilancia Gris is the opposite of the showy fruit bombs out there. A subtle and balanced classic of Hawkes Bay Gris, it is rich but not too sweet with beautiful floral aromatics that don't shout but just hover nicely in the glass. A Gris everyone could enjoy, its balance and weight make it an extremely versatile food wine.

Grape

Pinot Gris

Its Origins

Bilancia is the boutique label of Lorraine Leheny and Warren Gibson, both winemaking graduates of Roseworthy College, South Australia. Warren is also the winemaker with the award-winning Trinity Hill Winery in Hawkes Bay, named New Zealand Winemaker of The Year in 2007. Their love of wine has seen Warren and Lorraine involved in winemaking since 1987 in Hungary, Southern Italy, Western Australia, California and France. The name Bilancia, (pronounced 'bi-larn-cha') reflects Warren and Lorraine's love of Italy. Italian for balance, harmony and equilibrium, it also denotes their shared star sign of Libra. Balance is the target in their wines – a desire to have all aspects equal in structure.

Price Label No

Variety Pinot Gris

Colour White

Region Hawkes Bay

Closure Cap

Volume 750ml

Alcohol 13.50%

Maturity 2018 - 2020

What The Critics Say

4.5 Stars Michael Cooper (2016 vintage)

"Delicious now, but still maturing, the 2016 vintage (4.5*) is a mouthfilling, dry style (4 grams/litre of residual sugar), with generous, ripe stone-fruit flavours, a slightly creamy texture, and excellent ripeness and richness."

This Wine Goes Well With



Taste

