

Inaugural release
from the team at
Kooyong and
Port Phillip Estate



Bellvale Pinot Gris 2025

Vineyard

Bellvale was established in 1998 with a determined vision to grow and produce high-quality site-expressive Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Gris. Located in the lush Tarwin River Valley of South Gippsland, the 19 ha north-facing, dry-grown, high-density vineyard lies 165 to 195 m above sea level on deep red loam of volcanic origin. We are honoured to be the new custodians of this remarkable cool-climate site.

Our wines are made from domain-grown, handpicked grapes and aim to manifest terroir: the integration of our geology and soils with the macroclimate of our region, the mesoclimates of the various sites within our vineyard and the weather of the annual grape growing season. Our cultural operations in the vineyard and practices in the winery endeavour to articulate these unique characteristics diligently and respectfully.

Vintage

The growing season was close to perfect, with conditions ideal for vine balance and fruit development. A mild Winter with generous rainfall through June to August replenished soil moisture profiles ahead of budburst in mid-September. Favourable Spring weather supported consistent flowering and uniform berry set, with healthy canopies driving steady ripening. Veraison commenced in mid-January, slightly earlier than recent seasons, indicating an efficient progression through the growth cycle. Summer conditions were warm and dry with below-average rainfall, requiring careful canopy management. Vine balance was maintained through to harvest, which ran from

Tasting Notes

early March to early April, yielding fruit of excellent quality and definition.

Tasting Note – March 2026

Pinot Gris harvest commenced on 3 March, slightly earlier than average. Yields were moderate at 5.1 tonnes per hectare.

The fruit was gently whole-bunch pressed directly into all old French oak barriques, where fermentation occurred spontaneously with ambient yeasts. Following fermentation, the wine was left on lees for ten months. The wine was raked only once, and with minimal filtration directly prior to bottling.

Fragrant and expressive, the Pinot Gris opens with aromas of ripe orchard fruits, lifted by delicate florals and a gentle thread of sweet spice. The palate is supple yet vibrant, with concentrated fruit wrapped around a bright line of acidity. It's a Pinot Gris of generosity and charm, where perfume, texture and energy come together in a beautifully balanced expression of the vineyard.

13.0% alc.