FREEMAN VINEYARDS is located in the Hilltops region of New South Wales. This family wine company was established in 1999 by viticulturist Brian Freeman, previously professor of Wine Science at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga. In the past decade he has carved a reputation for his Italian inspired wine portfolio.

The estate comprises several elevated vineyard blocks located within a radius of 10 kilometres on a 560-metre ridge. Its high and cool location and the well-structured free-draining decomposed granite soils have proven ideally suited to viticulture, especially Italian origin varieties like Pinot Grigio.

FREEMAN BIANCO PINOT GRIGIO 2018

An easy-drinking Italian inspired white wine brimming with personality, flavour and texture. The unmistakable yellow capsule earmarks this wine for relaxed dining and everyday enjoyment, not philosophical discussion.

THE VINTAGE

There is no other way to describe 2018 – it was a boomer! A dry cool spring was bolstered by rain after flowering that delivered balance and good yields. The perfect dry autumn ripened the Pinot Grigio grapes to near perfection, fully ripe and flavour-packed, picked in February for this zingy refreshing wine.

THE WINE

FREEMAN BIANCO PINOT GRIGIO 2018 is a single varietal wine inspired by the aromatic white wines of two regions in northern Italy – Friuli and the Alto Adige. It is a crisp approachable style made from lightly pressed whole-bunch grapes. Palate structure derives from small batch fermentation, some in stainless steel, and a portion in old oak barrels, the latter contributing an attractive savouriness.

TASTING NOTES

This pure, zesty **FREEMAN BIANCO PINOT GRIGIO 2018** is carefully crafted from early harvest grapes. A lightly chilled glass displays characteristic poached pear aromas, nuanced by notes of elderflower blossom. The lime-tinged palate displays intense refreshing and ample flavour, good palate weight that finishes long, with a minerally zing. Just pour and relax – and think of Italy.

RRP $20

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