

THORN-CLARKE

SANDPIPER

PINOT GRIS

2025



THE RANGE

The Sandpiper range is named after the migratory bird which visits the Thorn-Clarke vineyards annually from the northern hemisphere - something of a reminder of the tenacity and commitment which is required for long term viticulture.

WINEMAKER'S NOTE

The high altitude and cool climate vineyard conditions of Eden Valley has produced a wine which is visually pale straw in colour with lively green hues. Aromas of lime, nashi pear & spice fill the glass and on the palate, it boasts great depth of flavour, pulled together with an almost chalky citrus acid backbone. A beautifully crisp white well paired with a Creamy Smoked Salmon Pasta.

VINTAGE

The early start and finish to the 2025 season can be put down to generally warm growing conditions along with some of the driest winter, spring and summers in memory. The vineyards remained healthy despite this, and blessed us with very high quality, albeit in very small quantities. Not only were the bunches small, but individual grapes were a lot smaller, giving a great concentration of flavour across the board. Whites from 2025 are perfumed, balanced and show exceptional vibrancy.

WINEMAKING

Harvest was carried out at night. The fruit was pressed (using an airbag press). After settling the juice was warmed and inoculated with a neutral yeast selected for its ability to respect the purity of the fruit. Post fermentation the wine was stabilized, minimally fined, filtered then bottled.

Alcohol - 12% Winemaker - Peter Kelly Vineyard - Mt Crawford