

# Stargazer 2019 'Tupelo'

**Winemaker:** Samantha Connew

**Grape(s):** 57% Pinot Gris, 32% Riesling, 11% Gewürztraminer

**GI:** Tasmania

**Site(s):** Three vineyards in Coal River Valley

**Vintage notes:** Warmer than average from October through January, with the season ending up being one of the warmest on record for Tasmania. Vintage was quite compressed.

**Vineyard notes:** The component grapes of the Tupelo are sourced from different single vineyard sites in the Coal River Valley: the gewürztraminer from just outside of Richmond, the pinot gris from Campania, and the riesling from Tea Tree. A combination of soil types including alluvial sand, clay, and dolerite. All vineyards are members of VinZero, a Tasmanian sustainability charter.

**Winemaking:** Pinot gris and gewürztraminer were handpicked March 22 at 12.8° baumé, while the Riesling was hand-picked on April 1 at the same baumé. All picks were destemmed and left in contact with skins for about eight hours prior to gentle pressing, then wild-fermented in old oak. 15% of the riesling was fermented on skins, then pressed to barrel. Left on lees for close to three months, with battonage every two weeks. 3.28 pH, 5.5 g/L TA, 5.8 g/L residual sugar.

**Closure:** Stelvin

**ABV:** 13.5%

**LEGEND Tasting Notes:** This unusual blend mirrors the famous Alsatian "Gentil" styles, marrying body of pinot gris with spicy aromatics of gewürztraminer and finishing with the finesse of riesling. Perfumed and spicy, the nose shows quince paste and rose water notes with dried pear and fresh quandong (a native red peach). There is a glossy texture to the palate, with the richness framed by subtle phenolics and acid providing both persistence and length.

**Label design:** "Tupelo" is named after the honey produced from the Tupelo black gum, which is highly prized for its unique characteristic of having such a perfect balance of natural sugars, it does not crystallize. Artwork commissioned from Hobart artist Kate Piekutowksi.

**Production size:** 2454 bottles.



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