

Polar Opposite PGs

I was captivated by the differences between two equally good pinot gris that shared the tasting room table. The **2022 Riposte The Stiletto Adelaide Hills Pinot Gris** (\$24.00) reflects winemaker Tim Knappstein's decades of experience with riesling. Purity and intensity of varietal flavour are the key features. This is no insipid dry white as so many wines made from this grape are. Pear is the dominant aroma and flavour, and there's a delicate floral note. Low level textural phenolics reinforce varietal identity, and acidity freshens the finish.

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<https://ripostewines.com.au/products/the-stiletto-pinot-gris-2021-6pk>

While the Riposte Stiletto leans to riesling for inspiration, it comes as no surprise that the **2021 Oakridge Vineyard Series Hazeldene Pinot Gris** (\$30.00) is influenced by David Bicknell's experience with chardonnay. Here fruit, structure and texture play equal roles. Poached pear aromas are certainly part of the picture, but solids and lees inputs add considerable complexity and mouthfeel. ★★★★★

<https://www.oakridgewines.com.au/products/30485-pinot-gris-hazeldene-vineyard/>

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