

Pinot Gris 2016

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CRAFTED NEW ZEALAND WINE



Winemaker Notes

This is a full bodied style of Pinot Gris with a hint of residual sugar to balance the natural acidity. Barrel fermentation in seasoned barriques has provided the wine with richness, and the earlier harvesting has provided fresh and natural acidity. Aromatics and flavours of citrus, stone fruit, honey and pears are evident. A hint of spices adds complexity to the wine.

Vineyards

This wine utilises fruit from unique Hawkes Bay vineyard sites. The Barber Vineyard in the Esk Valley is planted on river silts deposited by the Esk River while the Keltern and Noetzli vineyards at Maraekakaho are planted on the stony river terraces of the Ngaruroro River. Each vineyard is intensively managed to provide ripe fruit at low yields.

Winemaking

Each vineyard was harvested in the morning while cool, and the grapes were pressed as quickly as possible to retain freshness. After settling, the juice was fermented in a mix of tanks and seasoned oak barriques and then left on yeast lees until blending and bottling.

Vintage

A cool wet spring recharged the vineyards, with good weather during flowering ensuring good fruit set. Shoot and bunch thinning occurred as necessary to maintain optimum crop levels on the vines. Warm dry weather as the vineyards went through veraison was ideal and positioned the vines well for a great harvest.

Grapes

Pinot Gris 100.0%

Region

Hawkes Bay

ABV

13%

pH

3.61

Total Acidity

5.33 g/l

Residual Sugar

3.7 g/l

Drink now...

2 to 5 years

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Food match

Enjoy with:

- Fish/Shellfish
- Oriental
- Spicy

Tasting Guide



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