



# WAIRAU RIVER

MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND



## PINOT GRIS 2022

### TASTING NOTES

The pure age of these vines give the wine texture and palate weight. It is rich, floral and fleshy with mouth-filling, pear, crisp apple and spice flavours.

### VINTAGE OVERVIEW

After a lower yielding 2021 vintage, Marlborough was blessed with outstanding weather in December providing near perfect flowering conditions and a subsequent great fruit set. This translated into an increased number of berries per bunch, and helped offset the slightly lower than average bunch numbers which was a result of the cooler weather we experienced during flowering in 2020. The great weather conditions continued through January with above average daily temperatures and sunshine hours, punctuated by timely periods of rainfall. This ensured optimal soil water status giving great canopy development and health. Initially it looked like an early start to harvest but then we saw periods with cooler temperatures and increased rainfall in late January and early February. This slowed development and extended the ripening period with harvest commencing in the 3rd week of March and concluding at the end of April. The extended ripening period has led to wines with great balance and poise ensuring some outstanding components to go into this years' blends.

### VINIFICATION

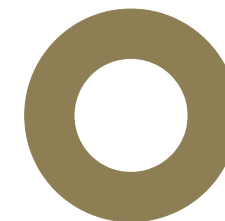
Harvested in the cool hours of the morning they were gently pressed and fermented in stainless steel vats. A small parcel was fermented and aged in older French oak to add texture and palate weight. After blending the wine was left to settle before bottling on the Wairau River Estate.

## FLAVOUR PROFILE

Floral		Green Apple	
Pear		Spices	

## VINEYARD COMPOSITION

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## TECHNICAL DATA

Harvested 23rd -26th March 2022

Alc	13.5%
RS	5.9g/L
TA	6.4g/L
pH	3.42



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