



WAIRAU RIVER

MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND



PINOT GRIS 2023

TASTING NOTES

Sourced exclusively from our oldest Home Block vineyard, this Pinot Gris exhibits the concentration and complexity associated with well established vines. Baked spiced pears and subtle white floral aromatics on the nose, combine with a palate that is weighty and textural with notes of candied lime and stone fruit. Off-dry, the palate is perfectly balanced with natural residual sweetness and fine mineral acidity.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

Warm settled weather in spring and early summer provided great conditions for flowering and fruit set, resulting in yields more aligned with the long-term average than in previous vintages.

The classic dry windy weather Marlborough normally experiences throughout summer was this year replaced with extended periods of cloud cover and rainfall, causing some initial concern from the viticulture and winemaking teams, however once ripening commenced the weather settled and remained fine and windy throughout harvest.

The increased soil moisture ultimately resulted in excellent canopy development and overall vine health, alleviating any initial disease concerns, and the reduced sunshine hours and cooler daily temperatures helped slow and extend the ripening period resulting in wines of intense concentration and poise.

Harvesting progressed smoothly with the favourable weather conditions allowing the winemakers to hang the bunches out on the vine to achieve optimum ripeness, with picking commencing in the third week of March and completed before the end of April.

VINIFICATION

Harvested in the cool hours of the morning the grapes were destemmed and gently pressed, followed by fermentation in stainless steel tanks at cool temperatures to retain the delicate floral and fruit aromatics. Prior to blending, individual parcels were kept on light lees for an extended period to help build texture and complexity on the palate, followed by finishing and bottling on the Wairau River estate.

FLAVOUR PROFILE

Floral



Pear



Citrus

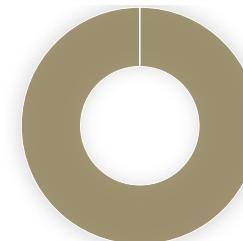


Spices



VINEYARD COMPOSITION

Home Block



TECHNICAL DATA

Harvested from 28 March - 10 April 2023

Alc	12.9%
RS	8.28g/L
TA	6.4g/L
pH	3.42



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