



# FLYING SHEEP

## Pinot Gris 2015



Similar to the Gewurztraminer, Hawkes Bay is able to produce fragrance and weight at lower ripeness levels allowing for wines of balance and character. The definitive Pinot Gris has yet to be produced in NZ, with all regions still in the running. We believe Hawkes Bay can capture the subtlety of great Pinot Gris and do it in a dry, or close to it, style.

Pinot Gris in whichever country or region it's grown in always poses the same challenge. Flavours come in late in the ripening. How do you make a wine that is balanced, subtle, fresh and vibrant, while at the same time exotic and complex. We'd like to see aromas of ripe pear, quince and stone fruit that are complemented with subtle notes of sweet almond and baked apple. It's only viticulture that will save the day. Managing vines from early in the season to have that kind of flavour and complexity and lower brix than the vine would naturally deliver. We believe that in our site we can deliver wines of real balance and nuance. White paint on a white canvas, subtlety...not non-descript, just subtle.

### Winemaker's notes

<b>VINTAGE</b>	2015
<b>VARIETAL MIX</b>	100% Pinot Gris
<b>HARVEST DATE</b>	14/03/2015
<b>ALC</b>	12.98%
<b>pH</b>	3.59
<b>TA</b>	4.88
<b>RS</b>	< 1g/L

**CRUSHING/PRESSING** Machine Picked and Pressed using a long gentle press cycle to allow for skin contact throughout the cycle

**FERMENTATION** Inoculated with QA23 Yeast, cool ferment temperatures. No Malo ferment.

**OAK/BARREL HANDLING** 100% Stainless Steel Fermented and aged

**FINING** Protein and cold stabilized. Minimal casein and isinglass fining  
Sterile Pad Filtered.

**FILTRATION** Peach blossom, pears, and wet stone aromas fill the ripe bouquet in the glass. A fine taught palate initially, then opens up with a fine balance of sweetness and crisp acidity the leads into flavours of ripe pears and golden apple.

### TASTING NOTES



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