



2017 Elephant Hill Pinot Gris

Established in 2003, Elephant Hill is located within a stone's throw of the Pacific Ocean on the idyllic Te Awanga coast of Hawke's Bay on New Zealand's North Island.

The winemaking at Elephant Hill is driven by tradition while not losing sight of what innovation can bring to the blend. Our aim is to make wines that are balanced, elegant and a true expression of the vineyards they come from.

Vintage Overview

2017 was a challenging year for the whole of the Hawke's Bay wine industry. With a 'no-holds' barred approach we believe we can still produce superior quality wines which typify the season, all be it at much lower volumes. Pinot Gris was relatively unaffected by adverse weather conditions which arrived later in the season.

Winemaking

The 2017 Pinot Gris is produced from our Te Awanga estate vineyard. The low cropped, fully-ripened fruit was harvested early before autumn set in. Harvested over separate picks, the fruit was gently pressed and fermented in stainless-steel tank. Lees stirred in tank with our batonneur every couple of weeks for 3 months. The wine was bottled on 29th August 2017.

Tasting Note

The Pinot Gris has enticing aromas of white peach and nashi pear with a hint of honeysuckle. It is fresh, vibrant and well-balanced with acidity and weight.

Review

"The aromatics are harmoniously melded, and unveils a little honeysuckle with aeration. Dry to taste and medium-bodied, the palate is fresh and vibrant with lively flavours of white and yellow stonefruits, hints of pear and honeysuckle, lifted florals and a subtle layering of nutty and flinty lees. The fruit forms a tightly bound core and the mouthfeel is enlivened by fresh, zesty acidity."

- Raymond Chan Wine Reviews, 18.0+/20 points

Technical Data

Wine

Alcohol Content: 13.1%
Residual Sugar: 2.7 g/L
TA: 6.1 g/L



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