



ALAN McCORKINDALE

2010 Waipara Valley Pinot Gris

Vineyard

Harvested from the limestone-rich slopes of the 'Pilgrim' vineyard in the Waipara Valley, North Canterbury, New Zealand. This low yielding hillside vineyard is a natural amphitheatre with high sunshine hours.

Vintage

2010 is rated as one of the best ever Waipara Valley vintages. Small berries and small bunches after rain at flowering, a cool summer and sunny, dry weather in Autumn created great fruit, with very intense flavours.

Winemaking

2010 was simple – gently crushed and pressed, fermentation was stopped with a little residual sugar to add softness, minimal filtration and stabilisation, hand labelled, with no compromise on quality.

Flavours

Colour – straw/gold.

Aromas – white peaches, pear, fig and quince with hints of ginger and melon.

Palate – soft acid, textural phenolics and a 'greasy' mouthfeel typical of Alsace, persistent, rich, full.

Food Match

We like this wine with Asian foods, especially good with Japanese dishes.