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Winemaker's technical and tasting notes



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Variety

100% Pinot Gris

Vineyards

70% Redwood Hills, Awatere Valley

30% Wairau Bar Home Block,

Wairau Valley

Wine analysis

Alc – 14%

pH – 3.42

T.A – 5.9 g/L

R.S – 4 g/L

VINEYARDS

All vineyards are cane pruned on 3 and 4 cane VSP trellising.

The naturally low cropping, cooler Redwood Hills site has 15-year-old Pinot Gris vines which ripen slowly and produce richly scented wines with concentrated flavours, and lovely fresh acidity.

The younger Wairau Bar Home Block is planted in more recently imported French and Italian clones (M2, 457 & 52). These clones tend to have smaller berries and produce concentrated wines with good acidity. The terroir of the Lower Wairau Bar promotes ripe and generous fruit profiles.

WINEMAKING.

40% of this blend was handpicked fruit from our Redwood Hills hillside site. This fruit was whole bunch pressed into a mix of seasoned French barriques and stainless-steel tanks. The barrel portion made up 15% percent of the final wine and was aged on gross lees for four months to add texture and weight.

The stainless-steel components were fermented cool and left on light lees for four months. These components contributed to the pure fruit and delicate floral characters.

TASTING NOTE

This appealing and opulent Pinot Gris possesses aromas of confected fruit, jasmine, nectarine and spice.

The palate has fleshy fruit flavours of nashi pear, apple and peach, along with some spice notes and a delicate vein of acidity.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The growing season was cooler than recent seasons, although still above long-term averages. It was a return to normal in that we picked most of our Pinot Gris in April, which traditionally has been the big month for harvesting. Recent years have seen most of our fruit picked in March. The season was incredibly dry, with only 43 mm of rainfall between Dec 21 to 21 April. A classic Marlborough vintage with ripe fruit and bright fresh acids. The wines display great aromatics and fruit purity, with lovely cool climate tension.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

- 93 Points & 5 Stars, Sam Kim, Wine Orbit
- 90 Points & Recommended, Cameron Douglas, MS

RESOURCES

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