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PINOT GRIS

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HAWKES BAY, ORGANIC Pinot Gris 2021

## Tasting Note

This Organic Pinot Gris from our Hawkes Bay Soler Vineyard showcases bright aromatics of jasmine, ripe pear and spiced orange peel. A strikingly rich and concentrated palate unfolds, seamless in texture with a harmonious balance of gentle acidity and traces of natural residual sugar. Both luscious and long, a wine to be enjoyed now or to develop further complexity with 3-4 years bottle age.

### Serving Suggestions

Enjoy chilled with a variety of dishes including the richness of seafood chowder, a selection of mild cheeses or accompanying gently spiced Asian cuisine.

# Viticulture

Our key focus is to be environmentally responsible and to operate using sustainable practices in order to protect the land for future generations. Villa Maria has farmed organically since 2002 gaining Biogro certification in 2009. Our Organic vineyards are vibrant gardens alive with wildflowers and full of life. The Soler Vineyard is planted on free draining gravel soils well suited to applying organic farming principles.

### Season & Harvest

The Hawkes Bay 2021 vintage followed a warm dry summer which extended well beyond the completion of harvest, ensuring superb conditions for ripening. Pinot Gris was harvested cool to protect the aromatics, gently pressed upon arrival at the winery and the resulting clear juice fermented in stainless steel using selected Biogro approved aromatic yeast strains. The wine was then left on its yeast lees for a closely monitored period of time to build palate weight without compromising freshness.

# **Technical Details**

VARIETIES: Pinot Gris ALCOHOL: 13.5% PH: 3.73 TOTAL ACIDITY: 4.76 RESIDUAL SUGAR: 5.0gL

This wine is vegan friendly and suitable for a plant-based diet.