

Pinot Gris 2021



pH - 3.28 TA - 6.2 g/L RS - 0.5 g/L Alc - 13.5% Total SO2 -71 ppm

Vineyard - Raupo Creek Clones - Sel Ovaille, Barrie, PN00141 Yield - 8 Tonnes/ hectare Oak - 100% for 5 months, neutral oak

Certified Organic

Suitable for Vegans

Tasting Notes	A rich, dense expression of Pinot Gris that is reminiscent of some finer examples from Alsace; albeit with a new world twist. Flavours of ripe yellow pear, white flowers and spice follow through on to the palate, which is sumptuosuly layered with fruit; yet is savoury, textural and dry. The finish is focused and defined by a mineral acidity.
Winemaking	The fruit was picked in the early morning to preserve quality and freshness of the fruit. It was loaded into the press, without crushing, and gently pressed to settle overnight naturally. The next morning, it was racked, taking light lees, to neutral barriques to undergo wild fermentation. It remained in barriques, on lees, for five months after fermentation to age. During this time malolactic fermentation was partially completed, naturally. The components were then racked from barriques and blended in a small stainless steel tank. The wine was then filtered prior to bottling.
Vintage	After a mild winter, there was a period of quite heavy frost events, that kept the vineyard team on their toes ensuring all of the fragile young shoots were protected. After overcoming this, growth was great and consistent across the whole vineyard. However during flowering a combination of lower temperatures and rainfall did not allow all of the flowers to set, and culminated in many flowers setting at different times. This resulted in markedly small bunches and a good deal of hen and chicken throughout the vineyard, particularly in our Chardonnay and Pinot Noir plots. During the last piece of the growing season, the weather was on our side and provided beautiful summer days yet cold nights, that aided in retaining decent acidity, and extremely clean fruit which enabled the team to make picking decisions at exactly the right moment for each plot on the vineyard. We will remember this vintage as being one of the best yet for overall quality - full of flavours but very light on yields.
Viticulture	Sourced from our our clay-rich Raupo Creek vineyard, which has a gentle north-west facing aspect, settled in the centre of the Omaka Valley. This vineyard is managed following Organic and Biodynamic principles.