

Valli Vendemmia Tardiva Pinot Gris 2019

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Viticulture

Location: Grant's Road, Waitaki Valley, North Otago

Climate: Maritime influenced
Altitude: 200m (656 Feet)
Clones: Barrie, GM2

Soils: Limestone-based soil spread through river gravels

GDD: Approximately 930

Rainfall: Approximately 530 per Annum
Vine Age & Density: Planted 2005 at 4167 vines / Hectare

Yield: 2 Tonnes / Hectare

Trellis System: VSP

Winemaking

Harvest Date: 2nd May 2019

Brix: 24
Bottled pH: 3.77
Bottled TA: 5.48g/l
Residual Sugar: <1g/l

Peak Fermentation Temp.: 22 °c - 26 °c

Fermentation Vessel: Neutral Oak barrels (228, 400 and 500 litres)

Filtering: Sterile
Alcohol: 14.5%
Total Bottles Produced: 1080

The very small bunches (average 68 grams) were hand-harvested late in the season and whole bunch pressed for gentle extraction. After overnight settling, the juice was racked to neutral white barrels including barriques (228 litres) and puncheons (400 & 500 litres). The fermentation was intentionally long and slow with partial malolactic fermentation occurring and delayed sulphuring which resulted in a dry wine. It spent a total of 8 months on fermentation lees in barrel which contributes to the noteworthy texture.

Tasting Note

This exotic wine is laden with fruit flavours – exemplifying the Italian term "tutti frutti" which literally means "all the fruits". From Asian jack fruit to pear essence, apple and banana oil – the nose is intriguing and intense. The wine has a notably oily texture, yet ends fresh with flavours of ripe pear, cantaloupe, quince and honey. This rich and full-bodied wine is great on its own but also will pair well with weighty and/or salty dishes, traditional Korean or Chinese cuisine, and soft cheeses.