

# Mt. Beautiful

NORTH CANTERBURY NZ



## Flavor Profile

Our Pinot Gris is an invitation to experience the unexpected. The opulent palate combines stone fruit, apples, juicy ripe pears, and a touch of floral honey before delving into an expressive, persistent finish. The incredible richness in flavor is achieved by meticulously hand-tending and hand-harvesting the vines.

## Winemaker Notes

The 2012 was a tricky vintage with difficult flowering, followed by a cool summer. Because Autumn was fine, cool, and dry, it led to a good vintage with clean ripe fruit. We hand picked on 27th April, about three weeks later than normal. We emphasize the texture through hand harvesting, gentle whole bunch pressing, and fermentation in a mix of old oak and stainless tanks. The Pinot Gris is then aged on yeast lees to add required elements to the palate and aroma.

## The Perfect Match

Pair our Mt. Beautiful Pinot Gris with pasta, chicken, salmon, pork, and especially rowdy dinner guests.

## For The Aficionado

Planted 2005-2006  
1 block  
4.2895 hectares  
11733 vines  
@2.4x1.5 metres

The Pinot Gris is planted on the warm slopes of a north facing hill block of natural un-contoured land, sloping from 55m to 32m above sea level. This site is well suited for Pinot Gris as it is out of the cooler & lower surrounding areas and the soil mix of silt loam and clay provide excellent water holding properties. It is all hand tended throughout the season and at harvest.

A variety of Pinot Gris clones have been planted including, German Geisenheim clone 2/21, new clonal selections from South Africa, e.g. clones 7a, 14a and 52b and the Berrysmith clone, which provides a full bodied, textural wine with a richness in the mid palate.

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## Appellation

North Canterbury

## Analysis at Bottling

Alcohol 14.2%  
TA 5.9 g/L  
RS >2 g/L  
pH 3.62

## Bottled

October 2012

## Production

700 cases

