

# Mt. Beautiful

NORTH CANTERBURY NZ



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North Canterbury PINOT GRIS 2011

NEW ZEALAND WINE



## Flavor Profile

Our Pinot Gris is an invitation to experience the unexpected. The opulent palate combines inviting ripe pip fruit, apples, 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 2011 was an excellent vintage, albeit slightly earlier than usual. We had an excellent fruit set that led to a larger than normal crop load. To counteract this, we hand-thinned the bunches down to achieve a balanced crop and even ripening. Because our 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, it thrives. 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

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## Analysis at Bottling

Alcohol 14.5%

TA 5.3g/L

RS 3g/L

pH 3.48

## Bottled

October 2011

## Production

1500 Cases

