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North Canterbury **PINOT GRIS 2014**

NEW ZEALAND WINE



Flavor Profile

Our Pinot Gris is an invitation to experience the unexpected. Aromatically the wine is floral featuring scents of jasmine and lilac. On the palate it is full bodied with luscious ripe pear and cox's apple flavors backed by a sensuous texture and a crisp clean green apple like finish. The incredible richness in flavor is achieved by meticulously hand-tending and hand-harvesting the vines.

Winemaker Notes

The 2014 was a very successful vintage for Pinot Gris, demonstrating the vines beginning to achieve some maturity. We hand picked excellent fruit in two batches. An early pick emphasized aromatics, harmony with good acidity, and a later pick that was very ripe with unctuous concentration and texture. The texture is emphasized 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 14.4%

TA 5.2g/L

RS >1g/L

pH 3.6

Bottled

February 2015

Production

1500 Cases

