



THE ELDER PINOT GRIS 2014



REGION	Martinborough
WINEMAKER	Paul Mason
VINEYARD NAME	Hanson Vineyard
CLONES	100% Lincoln Berrysmith
HARVEST DATE	13th April 2014
HARVEST ANALYSIS	pH: 3.39 - TA: 6.08 - Brix: 22.4
OAK MATURATION	Six months in old French oak barriques.
WINE ANALYSIS	pH: 3.40, TA: 5.50, RS Alc: 13.4, RS: <2.0g/L
BOTTLING DATE	12th December 2014

TASTING NOTES

The 2014 Pinot Gris is rich, elegant and harmonious with aromas of ripe stone fruit and spice on the nose. Made in the Alsatian style, where texture is the key element, this wine shows lovely depth of flavour on the palate yet remains perfectly balanced. A small amount of residual sugar (<2.0g/L) compliments the lovely textural elements of this wine. This Pinot Gris will be best enjoyed in its youth but will further develop over the next 5+ years.

THE SEASON

The 2014 vintage is an excellent follow up to the outstanding 2013 season. An early, mild frost-free spring resulted in perfect growing conditions for the vines. The summer that followed was very typical of Martinborough – warm days and cool nights with very little rainfall. Flowering and fruit set were ideal and some fruit was removed to achieve concentration. We harvested at the optimum time just before forecast rain fell in mid April.

THE CELLAR

The fruit was carefully hand harvested and sorted before entering the winery. We gently whole bunch pressed the grapes and then tank fermented the juice at warm (18c) temperatures. The juice was then racked to old French oak barriques where it was aged for a further six months on full yeast lees in barrel. This has given the wine depth and richness on the palate. We decided to leave a small amount of residual sugar (<2.0g/L) to enhance texture and mouth feel whilst creating a balanced and elegant Pinot Gris.

THE VINEYARD

The vineyard is located on an elevated river terrace at the southern end of the Te Muna Valley, at the confluence of the Ruakokopatuna and Huangarua Rivers. The grapes are grown following organic principles in the most sustainable manner possible, with minimal use of irrigation.

Wine from Martinborough, New Zealand

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