



THE ELDER PINOT GRIS 2015



REGION	Martinborough
WINEMAKER	Paul Mason
VINEYARD NAME	Hanson Vineyard
CLONES	100% Lincoln Berrysmith
HARVEST DATE	23rd April 2015
HARVEST ANALYSIS	pH: 3.25 - TA: 6.75 - Brix: 22.2
OAK MATURATION	Fermented and aged for 4 months in old French oak barrels then transferred to tank for a further 5 months ageing.
WINE ANALYSIS	pH: 3.21, TA: 5.50, RS Alc: 13.35, RS: <2.0g/L
BOTTLING DATE	11th March 2016

TASTING NOTES

The 2015 Pinot Gris is characterised by ripe stone fruit, particularly white peach and nectarine notes, with hints of floral and ginger spice characters. The mouth feel is very textural – dry and weighty with fleshy stone fruit and fine textured tannins that give a long balanced profile. A serious style of Pinot Gris to be enjoyed now or cellared for up to 5 years.

THE SEASON

2015 was one of our smaller harvests in recent years. The early part of the season was cool and very windy leading to early summer vine stress. Combined with mixed flowering weather, the vines produced a very low fruit set – down around 50% in many vineyards. After Christmas the weather thankfully turned and we experienced one of our drier and warmer summers leading right through until vintage. The harvest was small but the grapes were in near perfect condition when picked and the flavours and concentration will make this an excellent vintage.

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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