



2021 Kono Nelson Pinot Gris

TASTING NOTES

This Pinot Gris is a fruit driven and full expression of the variety, characterised by pear-drop, red apple and touches of spice. On the palate concentrated fruit flavours are finely balanced with soft acidity, a touch of refined phenolics and just a hint of residue sweetness that all lead to a lusciously seamless and persistent finish.

WINEMAKING

Grapes for this wine are gently pressed in the winery to obtain pure, clean juice with the harder pressings kept separate and allowed to oxidise; allowing the harsh phenolics to soften before being combined with the free run juice. The settled juice is then racked into stainless steel tanks for inoculation with yeasts that have been carefully selected for their aromatic properties. Fermentation is carried out at cool temperatures of around 10-13°C to help preserve the fruity characters and freshness of the wine. Post ferment the wines are held on light lees for short period to help build texture before being stabilised and filtered (without the need for fining) - ready for bottling in late June 2021.

VITICULTURE

The fruit for this Pinot Gris is sourced from our stunning Whenua Matua vineyard located in the Upper Moutere region of Nelson, New Zealand. The 2020/2021 growing season in Nelson began with a warm and wet spring and early summer, with the wild and changeable weather over the flowering period leading to lower overall yields across the block. The summer that followed was characterised by moderate temperatures and high sunshine hours, with moderately warm and dry conditions following into March. Meticulous canopy management in the period leading up to harvest combined with the excellent growing conditions over the late summer and early autumn meant exceptionally bright and pure flavours were seen in the grapes when harvested on 23rd March 2021.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14%
pH: 3.34
T/A: 6.8g/L
R.S: 4.4g/L



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