



THE ELDER PINOT GRIS 2016



REGION - Martinborough

WINEMAKER - Paul Mason

VINEYARD NAME - Hanson Vineyard

CLONES - Lincoln Berrysmith

HARVEST DATE - 28 April 2016

HARVEST ANALYSIS - Brix: 23.2, pH: 3.32, TA: 8.63 g/L

OAK MATURATION - 5 months in old French oak barrels

WINE ANALYSIS - pH: 3.30, TA: 6.25 g/L Alc: 13.5%, RS: 2.0g/L

BOTTLING DATE - 6 March 2017

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of ripe stone fruit, together with notes of honeysuckle, pear and subtle oak spice meld beautifully on the nose to form an attractive and refined wine.

Dry in style the palate shows lovely weight and texture without cloying and has lovely fleshy stone fruit characters throughout the palate, providing flesh and depth of flavour. A beautiful lingering finish rounds off a serious yet approachable style of Pinot Gris.

THE SEASON

The 2016 vintage was highlighted by the El Nino weather pattern bringing with it long sunny days and little rain. This gave one of the driest summer and autumn periods on record, with only 228mm of rain compared to a long-term average of 500mm. The warm and sunny conditions continued right through the harvest, enabling hand picking to take place at optimum ripeness. 2016 is another excellent year for the region, with forward fruit expression, soft rounded tannins and lovely elegance.

THE CELLAR

The fruit was carefully hand harvested and sorted before entering the winery. We gently whole bunch pressed the grapes and left the juice to settle for two days. The juice was then racked to tank where it was fermented using selected yeast to give finesse and aromatic intensity. At the end of ferment the wine was transferred to four old French oak barrels and aged on lees for a further five months before racking and blending. This has given the wine depth and richness on the palate.

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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