



THE ELDER PINOT GRIS 2011



REGION	Martinborough
OAK MATURATION	50% in old French Oak barriques for 9 months
VINEYARD BLOCK	Hanson Vineyard
CLONE	Lincoln Berrysmith
HARVEST DATE	30 th April 2011
HARVEST ANALYSIS	22.8 Brix 3.43pH 5.85 g/L TA
BOTTLING DATE	22 nd March 2012
WINE ANALYSIS	3.51 pH 5.60g/L TA 13.5% Alc 3.0g/L RS

TASTING NOTES

The Elder Pinot Gris is rich and harmonious with aromas of ripe stonefruit and citrus notes 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 elegant and well balanced. A small amount of residual sugar (3.0g/L) balances 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 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 site is largely frost free but Spring winds are a challenge. The grapes are grown in the most sustainable manner possible with minimal use of irrigation.

THE CELLAR

The fruit was carefully hand harvested and sorted before entering the winery gate. We gently whole bunch pressed the grapes and left the juice to settle overnight. The juice was then racked to 50% old French barrels and 50% stainless steel tanks for fermentation. The oak component underwent natural yeast fermentation to provide textural elements whilst the stainless steel portion was cool fermented with selected yeast to give finesse and aromatic intensity. The two portions were blended together after 9 months and bottled. A small amount of residual sugar (3.0g/L) was left to enhance complexity, length and texture and to keep the alcohol levels in balance.

THE SEASON

The 2011 growing season started with a warm spring and no frost events, which provided a welcome contrast to previous vintages. A traditional Martinborough summer followed with long warm sunny days and low rainfall providing ideal conditions for vineyard growth. We entered autumn optimistic of another fantastic harvest ahead. Our blocks were picked in perfect condition with ripe fruit characters and lovely acidity. Overall a very good harvest.

Wine from Martinborough, New Zealand

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