

## *te Pā Marlborough Pinot Gris 2021*

Winemaker's technical and tasting notes



### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

#### Variety

100% Pinot Gris

#### Vineyard

100% Single Vineyard - Redwood Hills  
Awatere Vineyard.

#### Wine analysis

Alc -13.5%

pH -3.26

T.A -6.0 g/L

R.S -3.5 g/L

#### Vineyard

Cane pruned on VSP trellising. Pinot Gris flourishes on our gently sloping Redwood Hills Awatere Vineyard. Naturally low cropping, this vineyard provides richly scented wines with concentrated flavours and a lovely natural balance.

#### Winemaking

The fruit for this wine was harvested on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April. It was then whole bunch pressed to a mix of seasoned barrels and stainless-steel tanks.

The barrel portion was left to age on gross lees prior to blending. This component displayed spicy aromatics and possessed a rich weighty texture.

The stainless-steel component was fermented cool and was also left on light. This resulted in a floral, fruity component with delicate structure and great fruit purity. The final blend consisted of 20% barrel-ferment, and 80% stainless-steel.

#### Tasting note

This wine has attractive aromatics of jasmine, poached pear, vanilla and spice. The palate displays nashi pear, green nectarine and ripe citrus, with some lingering aniseed and spice.

The purity of the fruit combined with the weight and texture from the barrel components resulted in a balanced wine at a low RS.

#### Vintage summary

The resounding theme of the 2021 vintage was the low yield and the outstanding quality of the fruit harvested.

The growing season was warm and compressed, with early season frosts leading into cold and unsettled weather at flowering. The resulting bunches were small with low berry counts, which decreased yields but added greatly to the concentration of the wines. Post-flowering the growing season was warm and settled, with just enough early season rain to keep the canopies green and healthy.

The grapes were harvested in pristine conditional at optimal ripeness and the resulting wines display great fruit purity and generosity.

#### Awards & Accolades

- Candice Chow for Raymond Chan Wine Reviews: 93 Points & 5 stars
- Cameron Douglas, MS: 93 Points, Excellent
- Sam Kim, Wine Orbit: 93 Points & 5 stars

#### Resources

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