



Single Estate Pinot Gris 2020

Ara wines are crafted on the edge of the earth; the essence of Pure Marlborough. Let the intense flavours of our Single Estate wines bring you on our journey, as we capture and amplify the best of Marlborough in every glass.

Tasting Note

This Marlborough Pinot Gris offers delicate aromas of pear and quince flowing onto delicious honey and citrus on the palate. This elegant wine offers a long, textured finish.

Harvest

The 2020 harvest season will be one to remember for decades to come. Just as harvest had started the government announced a nationwide lockdown due to COVID-19. Despite the adversities that this put on the team, 2020 produced some spectacular results with top quality fruit and what will be an outstanding vintage. Marlborough saw a mild start to the growing season, with the soil retaining a good level of moisture after a fairly dry winter period. Budburst was nice and even with concentrated flavours in the fruit. The long, slow ripening period and settled weather during the harvest period allowed the winemakers to pick depending on physiological ripeness, delivering an optimum flavour spectrum.

Winemaking

Yeasts used are selected to express classic Pinot Gris aromatics and contribute a mealy complexity, which is typical of a Pinot Gris wine. A small amount of skin contact helps to extract flavour and build weight of the wine. Fermentation is stopped when balance is achieved whilst retaining some natural sweetness to balance the classic Marlborough acidity. A mixture of warm ferment temperatures are used to add texture to the wine. Cooler ferments help to retain bright fruit and purity. Following a short time on lees the wine was racked to blend, fined and stabilised before filtration to prepare for bottling.

Technical Specs

Winemaker:	Duncan Shouler
Alcohol content:	12.5%
TA:	5.6 g/L
pH:	3.5
Residual sugar:	11 g/L
Region:	Marlborough
Dietary info:	Suitable for gluten free diets

Food Match

A delicious apéritif which can be enjoyed on its own or alongside Asian dishes like wok-fried prawns.

