

BIRD

Pinot Gris 2008

Marlborough • New Zealand



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Wine Specifications

Cases imported	350
Alcohol	14.0%
T/A	0.54 g/100ml
pH	3.35
Residual Sugar	0.3 g/100ml
Brix at Harvest	24.5
Cellaring	Up to 5 years
Harvest Date	March 25th 2008

Vineyards

Location

Old Schoolhouse Vineyard, Omaka Valley, Marlborough

Soils

Free-draining alluvial shingle subsoils with friable clay loam topsoil.

Vines

VSP trellising. To get maximum exposure in the fruiting zone, shoots are thinned and leaves plucked. Two rounds of cluster thinning ensure that all the fruit is hanging free and clear. Sustainable accreditation pending.

Vintage

This wine has benefited significantly from the effects of a warm spring and hotter than normal summer. The outstanding flowering and fruit set made crop thinning a necessity. The devastating late summer rains were of no consequence to this variety as it ripens early.

Vinification

A period of skin contact after crushing is mandatory to achieve the weight and texture, as a consequence of this approach we often see a pink hue develop in the wine. Long cool fermentation conditions in Stainless Steel tanks have allowed the elusive fruit characters of this wine to come through.

Winemaker's Notes

Overall Impressions

Great flesh and texture, full, round and rich.

Bouquet

Fragrant approach, stone fruit, pears, apples.

Palate

Stone fruits with hints of dried tropical fruits.

Serving Suggestions

The robust and assertive nature of this wine allows for some imagination when matching with food. Shell fish, poultry, and even veal will all work. The natural sweet flavour of scallops will compliment the succulent ripeness of the wine.

SRP US\$21.00



"The 2008 Old Schoolhouse Vineyard Pinot Gris has a pinkish tinge, touches of grapefruit, honeysuckle and peony on the nose. The palate is well balanced, crisp and slightly phenolic with touches of pear, honeysuckle and dried apricot, leading to an off-dry finish." – Robert Parker, Sept. 2009

"Quite a deep straw/pink colour. Flavoursome wine in a rather gutsy style that starts slightly sweet but finished dry and a tad grippy. Solid Marlborough Pinot Gris." – BobsWineReview.com, Oct. 2009

