

HUIA

Pinot Gris 2007

Marlborough • New Zealand



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Wine Specifications

Cases imported	750
Alcohol	13.7%
T/A	0.49 g/100ml
pH	3.4
Residual Sugar	.41 g/100ml
Brix at Harvest	23 - 24.5
Cellaring	Up to 5 years
Harvest Dates	March 23 - 28, 2007

Vineyards

Location

Anderson's Vineyard in the upper Brancott Valley and Huia Winsome block on the clay runoff from the Wither Hills.

Soils

Free-draining clay loam with a few stones, on north-facing gentle slopes.

Vines

A variety of Mission or Petit Grain and more recently imported cultivars. Particular attention is paid to controlling yields, along with canopy management. Huia has received Sustainable Accreditation from New Zealand Sustainable Winegrowing.

Vintage

The season started off with some early and significant frosts, followed by a very cold start to the summer season, resulting in reduction in crop. Summer finally arrived in January, and stayed almost until the end of May, with warm, clear days and calm, cool nights and almost no rain. The fruit ripened easily and flavors developed a rare level of intensity.

Vinification

The grapes were hand-picked, crushed, pressed, and then settled overnight. More than 50% of the juice underwent a natural ferment and the remaining juice was inoculated. Once the initial heat of the fermentation had dissipated, 40% of the still gently-fermenting wine was moved into French oak to complete the fermentation.

Winemaker's Notes

Overall Impression

Rich, textural, persistent.

Bouquet

Intense ripe pear, red apple and mandarin orange.

Palate

Red apple, mandarin orange and spices.

Serving Suggestions

Versatile for pairing; from chicken to vegetarian dishes. Great with light blue cheese dishes, seafood risotto, Thai cuisine, and fresh fish such as trout and salmon.

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"Dry, delicate and stylish, minerals, toasted almond. Asian pear, stonefruit and citrus. Crisp and long; best with food."

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