

MANU

Pinot Gris 2009

Marlborough • New Zealand



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Winery Principals	A joint venture between Steve Bird (Owner, Steve Bird Vineyard & Winery) and David Duckhorn (Owner, Via Pacifica Selections)
Director of Winemaking	Steve Bird
Wine Specifications	
Alcohol	14.0%
T/A	0.60 g/100ml
pH	3.40
Residual Sugar	0.30 g/100ml
Brix at Harvest	23.5
Cellaring	Drink now
Harvest Date	April 10–15, 2009

Vineyards

Location

Wairau Valley & Omaka Valley, Marlborough

Soils

Clay loam

Vines

VSP trellising. Intensive canopy management system. Certified by Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand.

Vintage

The clay loam top soils paid dividends for the 2008/09 growing season. A prolonged dry spell through most of the vintage saw many vines on stony sites suffer stress, however the slightly better water holding capacity of the clays helped the Manu fruit avoid this issue. Ripening was long and slow leading to excellent flavour retention and nice bright acids in the wines.

Vinification

Destemmed, light press (free run juice only), cool fermentation in stainless steel, no MLF. Winery is certified by Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand.

Winemaker's Notes

Overall Impression

Fruit forward, crisp, clean acid.

Aromas

Floral/citrus aromas with tropical fruit.

Palate

Clean and balanced with a long citrus finish.

Serving Suggestions

The delicate perfume aroma and elegant structures of this wine make it an ideal match for shell fish such as clams or scallops. The natural ripeness and hints of exotic fruits will also stand this wine in good stead with moderately spiced Asian dishes.

SRP US\$13.00



Manu is the Maori word for both bird and kite, and the Manu logo is an interpretation of a 'Te Manu Tukutuku', a beautifully crafted Maori kite. This kite represents the hallmarks of Manu wines: craftsmanship, elegance, and the pure nature of New Zealand.

- “Elegant and enjoyable.” – *TizWine.com, June 2010*
- Steve Bird has his signature on this Pinot Gris! Following his 90 plus Bird Pinot Gris wines, the Manu Pinot Gris is right up there with quality at an affordable price.
- “Roseworthy-trained Steve Bird aka “Birdman” is continuing to expand his portfolio with an entry-level range put together with David Duckhorn entitled Manu that was on the cusp of being launched when I visited in February 2009” – *Robert Parker, Feb. 2009*

