

Ara



MARLBOROUGH
New Zealand

SINGLE ESTATE PINOT GRIS 2018

Sourced from across our Estate in Marlborough's Wairau Valley, Ara Single Estate are intensely flavoured wines that amplify the remarkable valley story. These consistent, flavoursome wines tell the tale of making Ara wines on the edge of the world.

TASTING NOTE

This 2018 Pinot Gris delivers delicate aromas of pear and nectarine which flow through to subtle bush honey and citrus notes on the palate. A textural and elegant structure provide length to the finish.

HARVEST

The 2017/18 growing season was legendary, with the hottest January on record and one of the best flowerings in living memory. Prior to harvest the winemaking team identified clean, bright fruit with lovely varietal characters. Plentiful bunches of evenly ripened grapes were harvested before the spring rain soaked our vines. Fruit was harvested with a range of maturity to contribute a broad 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: Nikolai St George,
Duncan Shouler

Alcohol content: 13.0%

TA: 5.71

pH: 3.69

Residual sugar: 6.9 g/L

Region: Marlborough

Dietary info: Suitable for gluten
free diets

FOOD MATCH

Asian fusion dishes, and grilled seasonal seafood.



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