



LAWSON'S DRY HILLS
MARLBOROUGH

THE PIONEER

PINOT GRIS 2012

Region: Marlborough

Winemaker: Marcus Wright/Rebecca Wiffen

Alcohol: 14.5% **pH:** 3.73 **RS:** 22g/L

TA: 5.9 **Brix:** 25.9 - 26.5

Tasting Notes

While the wine has wonderful aromatics (lemon balm, honey on buttered toast, ripe pears) it is the wine's inherent richness and texture that is its defining character. Rich, round, ripe with balanced acidity, a touch of alcohol warmth and amazing concentration.

Winemaker's Notes

We did two picks, the first by machine (60% of the total harvest) and the remaining 40% was hand-picked. Both were gently pressed to older French oak barriques for fermentation, one small portion was fermented in a stainless steel and later transferred to the barriques. The fermentation was allowed to continue for several months until the wine achieved what we felt was the ideal balance. We blended and bottled the wine after it had been in oak for six months.

Viticulture Notes

Produced from Bidy and Sion Barnsley's Waihopai vineyard where a unique climate of hot summer days (30c) and cool nights (can be as low as 4c) combined with silts and gravel soils over clay produce wines with distinctive varietal characters - lifted floral notes and elegant, yet powerful palates. Given all the love and attention that vines could hope for by Bidy, this vineyard invariably produces stunning Pinot Gris.

Cellaring

This wine will develop wonderfully over the next five to six years.

Food Match

Spiced crab meat salad, rich cheeses or just by itself.



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Awards & Reviews

Bob Campbell MW - Five stars - 95 points

★★★★★

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Decanter World Wine Awards 2014 - Silver medal

Marlborough Wine Show 2014 - Silver Medal

International Wine Challenge (Tranche 1) 2015 - Silver medal

Taste Magazine - Top 100 Wines of 2015 - Taste Top 100 Wines of 2015 - over \$30.00

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