



LAWSON'S DRY HILLS
— MARLBOROUGH —



The Pioneer Pinot Gris 2016

Tasting Notes

This single vineyard wine is mid-straw in colour with a slight copper tone. Off-dry in style with lifted aromas of juicy pears, red apples and stonefruit. The palate is weighty and textural with flavours of pears, apple crumble and clover honey – a complex wine that is drinking perfectly after three years in bottle.

Vineyards and viticulture

The fruit for this wine came from just one pick from the Barnsley Block in the Waihopai Valley. Grower Biddy Barnsley pays great attention to the vineyard and particularly to this Pinot Gris. The vines were leaf-plucked and thinned numerous times to ensure the crop level was low, ensuring both flavour and full ripeness.

Winemaking

The winemaking here was minimalist. The grapes were hand-picked and gently pressed to old French oak barriques and allowed to ferment long and slow with wild yeasts from the vineyard. The fermentation took over six months. Once we felt the wine had achieved the perfect sugar balance, the barrels were racked and the wine was chilled, filtered and bottled.

100% Pinot Gris, Alc 14%, pH 3.5, TA 4, RS 14, Brix 24

Cellaring

Cellar up to 2023

Food Match

A delicious pairing with seafood, poultry, pasta and slightly spicy dishes.

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