

STARBOROUGH

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STARBOROUGH 'FAMILY ESTATE' PINOT GRIS MARLBOROUGH 2016

TASTING NOTE

An elegant wine with a finely concentrated palate displaying aromatic white and yellow stonefruits lifted by exotic florals, rose-petal elements and complex nutty and flinty nuances. The wine shows excellent fruit intensity and silky texture, leading to a lingering smooth finish.

VITICULTURE

The fruit was sourced from three Starborough vineyards. 65% O'Dwyers Farm Vineyard in the heart of the Wairau Valley and 35% Starborough Terrace Vineyard and Long Lane Vineyard located in the Awatere Valley. All sites have complemented each other to produce an elegantly balanced and complex wine.

The yield on the two cane VSP (vertical shoot position) trained vines was closely monitored through the growing season. Targeted shoot and bunch thinning was performed to produce low yielding intensely concentrated fruit. Additional fruit thinning was done on colour development post veraison to further enhance bunch uniformity.

The three vineyards were carefully monitored during ripening and hand-picked in cool early morning conditions at peak maturity and flavour development.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was crushed and pressed quickly at cool temperatures to retain fruit flavour and freshness. Following the settling period the clear juice was racked to stainless steel and then fermented using selected yeast at cool temperatures. A 10% portion of the juice was fermented in seasoned French oak barrels adding weight, texture and complexity to the finished wine.

Fermentation was stopped at 5.6 g/l residual sugar. Before blending, the individual components were left on light yeast lees for three months helping build additional texture and creaminess to the palate. The wine was bottled in August with an alcohol of 13.5%, pH 3.3 and acidity of 5.8 g/l.

RELEASE: OCTOBER 2016

Champion Pinot Gris Trophy – Marlborough Wine Show

Gold – Marlborough Wine Show

5 Stars (18.5/20) – Raymond Chan

5 Stars (93/100) – Sam Kim Wine Orbit

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