

2015 OLD COACH ROAD

# Pinot Gris

## Wine Analysis

Vineyard:	Seifried Queen Victoria, Redwood Valley, Brightwater, Rabbit Island Vineyards
Sugar at Harvest:	22.7°Brix
Date of Harvest:	Mid - late March 2015
pH of Wine:	3.39
T.A of Wine:	6.3g/L
Residual Sugar of Wine:	7g/L
Vegetarian friendly:	Yes
Vegan friendly:	No



## The Vineyard

The 2015 Old Coach Road Pinot Gris is a blend of several of our Pinot Gris vineyard blocks. This allows us to take advantage of the varying clones and nuances each site offers.

Our Queen Victoria vineyard is our new vineyard block located in the Motueka area. This exciting block has five year old vines on very stony, free draining soils and produces bright, exuberant fruit characters.

The unirrigated Redwood Valley vineyard is situated on a gently sloping, north facing clay site which optimises the heat of the sun. These Pinot Gris vines have root systems going down in the clay which have been established over the past 30 years and therefore these top grafted vines have a very sturdy foundation.

The Brightwater vines are grown in an extremely stony area of the vineyard, where water and nutrient levels are low. This helps us to restrict the vine vigour and to crop at low levels. To further enhance the aromatics we removed leaves to allow light penetration and air movement around the fruiting zone.

The Rabbit Island vineyard is situated on a wide river flat. The soil is gravelly loam, which is very sandy and free draining. These vineyards are about 1.5 kilometres from the sea, which helps moderate temperatures.

2015 has been a fantastic season in Nelson. An exceptionally light yield (down 40% on long-term average yields) resulted in concentrated intensely ripe fruit and flavours.

## Winemakers Note

We used separate parcels of Pinot Gris from our clay soiled vineyards and from our stony/silty blocks to blend a complex wine. The Pinot Gris fruit for this wine comes predominantly from the Queen Victoria vineyard and a smaller amounts from other blocks. The wine pulls together fruit from our varying Estate vineyards to make the best our terroirs have to offer!

## Tasting Note

The 2015 Old Coach Road Pinot Gris is ripe and concentrated on the back of a fantastic growing season. Pear, star anise and cinnamon come through on the nose. The palate has ripe lush fruit entry and gentle phenolics encasing the wine, leaving a lasting impression.