

LEEFIELD STATION PINOT GRIS 2023

Waihopai Valley, Marlborough



TASTING NOTES: This wine brings you aromas of honeysuckle, white peaches and pears with subtle notes of spice. The palate has a fresh minerality accompanied by an explosion of flavors of nashi pear and melon, developing in a well-balanced wine with a deliciously persistent finish.

VITICULTURE: A warm and wet winter spurred an early start to the growing season with fully charged soil moistures and warm ambient temperatures in early spring. The few frosts through September and October did little to disrupt the healthy development of strong, lush canopies. Flowering began with cooler temperatures and periodic bouts of rain in the early summer, with the weather improving as we headed towards Christmas; typical with respect to warmth, sunshine hours and rainfall. Late summer warmth in late February and March along with careful canopy management, delivered slowly ripened, disease free, incredibly clean fruit. Harvest commenced in mid-March. Due to the long, cool ripening season, fruit was harvested significantly later than usual but retained all of its vibrancy of flavor and crisp, ripe acids. The team are excited by the bright flavor expressions and huge diversity of character coming through in the wines of the 2023 vintage.

VINIFICATION: The Pinot Gris fruit was field destemmed before being gently pressed to stainless steel tanks in preparation for fermentation. Purposely selected yeast strains were chosen to enhance the varietal intensity and mouthfeel, with a slow and steady fermentation to preserve these aromatics. After a short period of time on yeast lees the wine was fined and filtered prior to bottling. Vegan Certified.

STORY: Situated in the Waihopai Valley of Marlborough, New Zealand, Leefield Station is a magical place where the drive, tenacity and vision of its owners, past and present have created a remarkable working farm.

Owned by the Marris family, Leefield Station is also home to an evolving vineyard, which harmoniously respects the land and its origins - bringing together the toil of generations and continuing the true legacy now into the future.

PRODUCER: Marisco Vineyards

REGION: Waihopai Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand

GRAPE(S): 100% Pinot Gris

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.1 G/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 2.5 G/L

pH: 3.5