

# THE NED PINOT GRIS 2023

Marlborough, New Zealand



**TASTING NOTES:** Uniquely salmon pink in color, displaying juicy aromas of nectarine and white peach with underlining nuances of spice. The palate is lush and bright with juicy white peach flavors supported by spicy poached pear. This leads to an unctuous length stemming from vibrant Marlborough ripeness.

**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:** A portion of the Pinot Gris fruit, which is naturally pink in color, underwent a period of skin contact to enhance color and texture in the juice. The fruit was then gently pressed to stainless steel tanks for fermentation. Selected yeast strains were chosen to enhance varietal intensity and mouthfeel with a slow, steady fermentation to preserve these aromatics. The salmon pink color is a stylistic signature of The Ned Pinot Gris. Vegan Certified.

**STORY:** Born of the Waihopai Valley, The Ned represents the vibrant diversity that is so prevalent in the Marlborough wine-growing region. One of Marlborough's famous peaks, The Ned mountain served as the playground for Marisco founder, Brent Marris, during his youth. The ethos "Young At Heart" encapsulates this wine; a true expression of grassroots winemaking that places the energy and liveliness of adventure in every bottle.

**PRODUCER:** Marisco Vineyards

**REGION:** Marlborough, New Zealand

**GRAPE(S):** 100% Pinot Gris

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 5.3 G/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 5.48 G/L

**pH:** 3.5