



2013 OLD COACH ROAD

Pinot Gris

Wine Analysis

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| Vineyard: | Seifried Queen Victoria, Cornfield and Redwood Valley Vineyards |
| Sugar at Harvest: | 23.1°Brix |
| Date of Harvest: | Early April 2013 |
| pH of Wine: | 3.41 |
| T.A of Wine: | 6.9g/L |
| Residual Sugar of Wine: | 9g/L |



The Vineyard

Our Queen Victoria vineyard is our new vineyard block and is 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.

Fruit from our Cornfield vineyard compliments the Queen Victoria fruit in this blend, along with grapes off our Redwood Valley vineyard.

The Cornfield vineyard is situated on a wide river flat. The soil is gravelly sandy loam, which marks the sites of Maori kumara beds (sweet potato) prior to European settlement in the early 1800's. The Maori transferred and spread fine gravel and sand over the land to provide suitable soils for their kumara plantings. Scrub was burned to give ash and charcoal, which increased soil fertility and gave characteristic topsoil. This fertility is now considerably reduced due to modern farming. The soils are however, very sandy and free draining. The water table is relatively high ensuring adequate underground water. These vineyards are about 1.5 kilometres from the sea, which helps moderate summer temperatures.

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.

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 amount from our Cornfield and Redwood Valley vineyards. The wine pulls together fruit from our varying Estate Vineyards to make the best our terroirs have to offer!

Tasting Note

The Old Coach Road Pinot Gris is fragrant and full of flavour with autumn quince and fig notes. The palate has a faint crystallised ginger character complimenting textured pear flavours. Natural fruit sweetness follows through and works nicely alongside fine palate phenolics.