

# NZ Pinot Gris



**95** ★★★★★  
**2012 Brancott Estate Letter Series F Pinot Gris, Marlborough, NZS38**

Brancott Estate's flagship wine enjoys the very best selection of grapes from vineyards on the Fairhall River terrace. Most are hand-harvested before being pressed and fermented in either stainless steel tanks, oak puncheons or oak cubs. Rich, complex and concentrated pinot gris with pear, ripe apple, guava and subtle toasty/brioche yeast characters. A silken smooth texture and lingering finish add additional appeal. Seductive wine with an appropriate hint of sweetness. 🍷 6



**95** ★★★★★  
**2012 Ostler Lakeside Vines Pinot Gris, Waitaki Valley, NZS30**

This wine is Ostler's second pinot gris vintage in the new and exciting Waitaki region. The grapes were hand-picked and whole-bunch pressed before being tank fermented using indigenous yeasts. Moderately sweet and succulent pinot gris with a creamy texture and guava, quince, pear, stewed apple and bran biscuit flavours. An intense and appealing wine with impressive power and a lengthy finish. A very classy wine indeed. 🍷 6



**95** ★★★★★  
**2013 Brick Bay Pinot Gris, Matakana, NZS32**

In 2013 the Matakana region enjoyed one of the region's driest ripening seasons and possibly best vintages ever. The grapes were hand-picked and given several hours skin contact prior to fermentation. One parcel was fermented to dryness while the second was stopped to retain some sugar. They were blended and left on light lees until bottling. Luscious with nectarine, white peach, pear and honeysuckle flavours. It has wonderful fruit purity and a lingering finish that goes on forever. Silken textured with obvious appeal. 🍷 4



**95** ★★★★★  
**2012 Saint Clair Godfrey's Creek Reserve Pinot Gris, Marlborough, AS26/NZS26**

Most of the grapes for this wine were grown in Saint Clair's Godfrey's Creek vineyard at the head of the Brancott Valley. The grapes were rigorously monitored during ripening to avoid any botrytis influence while achieving optimum ripeness. Full-flavoured pinot gris with luscious fruit flavours that include ripe peach, pear, ripe apple and toasted brioche. This is a rich, complex and mouth-filling wine. Very serious pinot gris with a smooth texture and lingering finish. 🍷 5



**95** ★★★★★  
**2012 Greystone Pinot Gris, Waipara, AS26/NZS28**

Made from fruit grown on three vineyards planted in wind-blown silt over clay with limestone deposits. After a short period of skin contact, the grapes were pressed and cool fermented with a small percentage in old French oak. Both parts were given plenty of lees stirring before being bottled without fining. Medium pinot gris with ripe pear, white peach, honeysuckle and subtle yeasty flavours. An appealing wine with restrained lusciousness and a perfect balance of sweetness and gentle acidity. Fine-boned with a lingering finish. 🍷 5



**95** ★★★★★  
**2011 Spy Valley Envoy Pinot Gris, Marlborough, AS34/NZS32**

Spy Valley's flagship label is produced from grapes grown on rich, mineral-laden soils. Grapes are selected from the best clones grown in Spy Valley's original vineyard. The fruit is hand-picked and fermented in oak barrels before being matured for seven months on lees prior to bottling. Luscious pinot gris that gives a nod in the direction of Alsace with appealing honeysuckle, orange blossom, pear, peach and star anise flavours. Moderately sweet but beautifully balanced. A great match for mildly spicy foods or to enjoy as an aperitif. 🍷 5