

# 2014 Pinot Gris

Established in 1984, our land was originally owned by the founding father of Martinborough, John Martin, in the late 1800s. The over 130 year-old cottage that still stands on our property serves as both an icon and hospitality center for our winery. Our wines come from our 250 acres of sustainably-farmed vineyards planted on ancient riverbeds. While our passion and specialty at Te Kairanga has always been Pinot Noir, we also make small amounts of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and Pinot Gris.

#### **MARTINBOROUGH**

Martinborough is at the southern end of New Zealand's North Island. Roughly 90 minutes from Wellington, New zealand's capital, this tiny region accounts for less than 2% of the country's total wine production. Martinborough is protected from the harsh elements by a range of mountains to the southwest and west creating a climate that is mild, breezy, dry and ideal for cool-climate grapes. Most of the premier vineyards are planted on stony terraces that provide exceptional drainage and high mineral content. More than half of Martinborough's vineyards are planted to Pinot Noir.

#### **VINEYARDS**

At Te Kairanga, we have 250 acres of vines planted at four vineyard sites in the Martinborough appellation. This diversity provides our winemaking team with a wide array of aromatics, flavors, textures and styles to work with. The martinborough Terrace, considered one of the premier growing areas, is home to our Home and Mcleod Vineyards. Once an ancient riverbed, it features deep gravel and alluvial soils and a mild climate. At slightly higher elevations with more extreme conditions are our Spring Rock and Rua vineyards. All of our properties are sustainably farmed.

## WINEMAKING

Under the direction of Chief Winemaker, John Kavanagh, our winemaking philosophy places a premium on the character of the site. Harvested from the Angle Block on our Home Vineyard, the fruit is gently whole-bunch pressed before being fermented in a combination of stainless steel and seasoned French oak. Twenty percent of the wine is barrel fermented and matured on lees for four months to provide texture and structure to the palate. The wine is fermented to a dry style but depth of flavour and texture remain. The wine finishes with a crisp, underlying acidity.

CLONES	7a
REGION	Martinborough, New Zealand
ALCOHOL	14.0%
AGING	80% Stainless steel, 20% 4 months in French Oak
TA	5.2 g/L
PH _	3.28
RS	$1.8~\mathrm{g/L}$

### **TASTING**

Our 2014 Pinot Gris comes from our home vineyard. Full, rich, and smoothly textured, it offers aromas of lightly roasted cashews, pears, white peaches and a touch of quince. On the palate, a lovely even flow leads to a lingering finish with ripe pear, quince, nectarine and savoury flavours coming through in harmony.