

NV Thomas Cuvee Gris

Style: Dry Sparkling Pinot Gris/Flora

Location: Thomas Estate Vineyard, Waiheke Island

Varietals: Pinot Gris, Flora

This wine is called Cuvee Gris, a sparkling wine made from Pinot Gris and Flora. Pinot Gris and Flora are both aromatic white grapes, Flora is a cross between Semillon and Gewurztraminer. Cuvee Gris it is a French term for sparkling wine meaning "Grey". The French call it grey, because as grey is a colour between white and black so is the skin of Pinot Gris and Flora; a colour between Pinot Blanc (white) and Pinot Noir (black). Pinot Gris and Flora have a distinctive pink and copper coloured skin.

Winemaking: A conferment of Pinot Gris and Flora. Three vintages were combined to produce a more complex sparkling wine. 90% of the blend is made up on two vintages of Pinot Gris and 10% of the blend is made up of two vintages of Flora. To add more intensity to the aromatics and more tropical flavours to the taste, we added 10% of our Late Harvest Pinot Gris and Flora. All the base wine components were blended and co-fermented in our Charmat tanks to produce a sparkling wine. This wine is called non-vintage (NV) because it is a blend of multiple vintages.

Production: 2296 Bottles (750ml)

Closure: Cork Alcohol: 12% Style: Dry

Residual Sugar: 2g/L

RRP: \$65

Winemakers tasting note:

"Brilliant yellow-gold, with a fine beaded effervescence. This sparkling wine is bright, and fruit driven, with bold aromas and flavours of tropical Pineapple, Yellow Peach, Quince paste and sun ripened red apples. The mousse is soft while the finish is crisp and dry".