

2022 Thomas Legacy Late Harvest Pinot Gris

Style: Late Harvest (Sweet Wine)

Location: Thomas Estate Vineyard, Waiheke Island

Varietal: Pinot Gris (100%)

Clone: Pinot Gris 40A (50%), Pinot Gris 52B (50%)

Vine Density: 5000 vines/Ha Yield: 3 Tonnes/Ha

Harvest Date: 27th Feb to 7th March 2022

Brix: 35

Pre Soak: Destemmed whole berry, skin contact cold soak 2 days, pressed, cold settled and racked clear juice to tank

for fermentation.

Alcoholic Fermentation: Selected Yeast **Peak Fermentation Temp:** 20 °C

Cuvaison: 30 days

Malolactic Fermentation: None Elevage: 6 months on fine lees

Fining: Fined

Production: 3304 Bottles (375ml)

Closure: Screwcap Alcohol: 11.0% Residual sugar: 135g/L

2022 was a very difficult season for growing white wine, a cyclone caused the Pinot Gris to split before harvest. The weather that followed was cool and settled, the Pinot Gris grapes shrivelled on the vines concentrating their flavour and sugar. We harvested a tiny amount of Pinot Gris that year, the bunches having a small amount of botrytis providing the perfect conditions for a dessert wine.

Winemakers tasting note:

"Golden amber in colour, this wine has aromas of honey, poached pear and dried tropical fruits. The palate is deliciously sweet, uncinus and rich, the finish is incredibly long and smooth."

Accolades: