
TERRA SANCTA ESTATE
LOLA'S BLOCK
PINOT GRIS



VINTAGE: 2014

APPELLATION:
Bannockburn Central Otago

VINEYARD/BLOCK:
Sancta vineyard: Lola's Block

VARIETALS:
Pinot Gris

ALCOHOL:
13.5%

RESIDUAL SUGAR:
5.5 g/l

pH:
3.15

TA:
6.5 g/l

RELEASE DATE:
1 February 2015

CASES PRODUCED:
350

TASTING NOTE:

The 2014 Lola's Block Pinot Gris has an instant exotic appeal on the nose with nashi pear, lime blossom and a hint of pineapple giving way to lime, pear and green apple. This is complemented by this wine's hallmark tongue tingling texture and full, rich mouthfeel. Possessing both a weighty mid-palate and a dry finish this is an exceptionally food friendly Pinot Gris which will pair seamlessly with a very wide range of dishes including pan seared fish or scallops, seafood linguini, roast chicken and spicy rice paper rolls.

CELLARING NOTE: Up to 5 years.

VINEYARD NOTE:

The soils of Lola's Block were formed by the erosion of the Carrick Range to the south of the vineyard. Schist gravels form the base of the soil profile, with sandy wind blown accumulations accounting for the top 50cm. This top layer contains clay giving the wines more body and texture, while the underlying schist gravels are reflected in the minerality of Lola's Block Pinot Gris.

HARVEST NOTE:

A mild, wet winter set the scene for another stellar season in the vineyard in 2014. November and December were warm and combined with the ample soil moisture to produce a very healthy fruit set. The critical months of January and February delivered perfect ripening conditions evidenced by the wonderful balance and energy in the wines from the 2014 vintage. The fruit was hand picked early on the morning of 12 April.

VINIFICATION NOTE:

Hand-harvested from Lola's Block and given 12 hours skin contact, the pressed juice was then fermented in a mix of older puncheons and barrels. Each barrel was its own unique ferment contributing layers of complexity to the finished wine. After 3 months in barrel the wine was blended and readied for bottling in late August.