MYSTERIOUS DIGGINGS

Pinot Gris





WINE VINTAGE: 2012

TASTING NOTE:

APPELLATION: Bannockburn Central Otago

VINEYARD/BLOCK:

Terra Sancta Estate: Riverblock

VARIETALS: Pinot Gris

ALCOHOL: 14%

RESIDUAL SUGAR:

5.1g/l

pH: 3.23

TA: 7.9 g/l

RELEASE DATE: September 2012

Dry, crisp and refreshing, the Mysterious Diggings Pinot Gris is a delicious partner to the very best of times. The nose is laden with peach and apple aromas with the palate adding pear, ginger and citrus to the array of fruit flavours, concluding with a clean, dry finish. It is delicious on its own, and perfect with seafood, asian dishes, and cuisine on the lighter side.

CELLARING NOTE: 3-5 years

VINEYARD NOTE:

The Terra Sancta Estate on Felton Road is unique - it is home to the oldest vines in the Cromwell basin, the soils are threaded with glacial schist, and purple wild thyme grows freely throughout. The Pinot Gris comes from Riverblock on Terra Vineyard.

HARVEST NOTES:

The 2012 vintage was wonderfully temperate, with evenly ripened grapes giving beautiful rich stone fruit flavours to our Pinot Gris. The Riverblock Pinot Gris was later developing. It was carefully monitored and finally picked later in April at the end of harvest, when the flavours came into perfect balance.

VINIFICATION NOTES:

Grapes were hand harvested from the Riverblock with 30% destemmed and most left to soak on skins overnight with the goal being depth of character. The pressed juice was settled overnight and racked to a stainless steel tank for a cool fermentation which lasted 18 days. The wine was left on lees for a short time then left in tank through to bottling on 10 August 2012.