
TERRA SANCTA
MYSTERIOUS DIGGINGS
PINOT GRIS



VINTAGE: 2017

APPELLATION:
Bannockburn, Central Otago

VINEYARD/BLOCK:
Terra Sancta Estate: Riverblock

VARIETALS:
Pinot Gris

ALCOHOL:
13.5%

RESIDUAL SUGAR:
4.7g/l

pH:
3.26

TA:
7.0 g/l

RELEASE DATE:
13 July 2017

TASTING NOTE:

The 2017 Mysterious Diggings Pinot Gris is our first release from this outstanding vintage and shows the hallmarks of the growing season in every aspect. The lowest yields in our history have delivered profound aromatics, sublime purity and massive concentration. With white flowers, intense lime and stone fruits on both the nose and palate, mouth filling texture and brilliant acidity, there is a purity to this wine that is highlighted in the long and concentrated finish. A wine of great transparency, the impression of both vineyard and season are shining brightly in this unique Pinot Gris.

CELLARING: Instantly appealing. Drink now or cellar 3-5 years.

VINEYARD:

This Pinot Gris comes from Riverblock on the Terra Sancta Estate. Pinot Gris is very rare at the dress circle end of Felton Road in Bannockburn - planted overwhelmingly with great Pinot Noir. However, this site, on the edge of the Kawarau River, is in a privileged position and shows that Bannockburn can deliver Pinot Gris with the same exceptional quality as Pinot Noir. This block is planted on soils of limestone, quartz, and schist - resulting in both concentration and evident minerality..

VINTAGE:

The 2017 Bannockburn vintage was bookended by two highly influential weather patterns. A cold spring and early summer affected flowering, resulting in a naturally low crop made up of small bunches and small berries. At the tail end a sunny, dry and warm Autumn allowed this small crop to ripen beautifully and be hand picked unhindered by the heavy rains and storm conditions experienced across New Zealand. These two periods are responsible for the incredible concentration, memorable texture and stunning purity found in wines of our 2017 vintage.

VINIFICATION:

Handpicked Pinot Gris from our Terra vineyard was pressed immediately and chilled in tank to lock in freshness and varietal expression. Our minimal intervention approach to winemaking ensures we capture the purest reflection of the vineyard; the texture and concentration of this wine being driven by the 2017 vintage.

FOOD & WINE:

Fresh, vibrant dishes such as Vietnamese summer rolls or the best fresh fish.