
TERRA SANCTA ESTATE
LOLA'S BLOCK
PINOT GRIS



VINTAGE: 2017

APPELLATION:
Bannockburn Central Otago

VINEYARD/BLOCK:
Terra Sancta Estate:
Lola's Block

VARIETAL:
Pinot Gris

ALCOHOL:
13%

RESIDUAL SUGAR:
1.74 g/l

pH: 3.33

TA:
6.6 g/l

RELEASE DATE:
August 2018

CELLAR: 2019 - 2022

TASTING NOTE

The 2017 vintage shows tension, elegance and power with gingerbread, mineral, ripe pear and subtle floral flavours. Possessing impressive purity and a lingering finish, this is a high energy, superbly elegant, mouthwatering Pinot Gris.

VINEYARD

Situated between Pinot Noir grown on Jackson's Block and Felton Road's famous Block 5, Lola's Block is a very rare example of prime Felton Road soils being used for Pinot Gris. As a result, as they age these vines are delivering outstanding Pinot Gris. Lola's Block soils 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 and quartz giving the fruit great concentration, while the underlying schist gravels are reflected in its minerality.

VINTAGE

With no manipulation in the vineyard, and no dropping of fruit, this vintage is a story of extraordinarily low yields and superb quality. Leading to this was a year of very unusual weather patterns - a warm winter, a cold spring, an early summer, very few days of intense heat, and a perfect harvest period that allowed us to hand pick unhindered by the storm conditions experienced across the rest of New Zealand. This vintage is one of incredible concentration, memorable texture and stunning purity. A Collector's Vintage.

VINIFICATION

Lola's Block was hand picked and given a short period of skin contact to intensify the beautiful varietal character of this block. Naturally fermented in neutral french oak puncheons, it was aged for ten months in the same puncheons, contributing to its rich texture. This hands-off approach to winemaking allows the wine to speak volumes of its home; Lola's Block on Felton Road.

FOOD & WINE

Very food friendly due to its concentration, rich texture and complexity, it will enhance numerous dishes. Try it with spicy Thai dishes with a touch of sweetness or seafood linguini with a creamy sauce.