

MAIN DIVIDE PINOT GRIS 2024





\$17.99

Top Selling North Canterbury Pinot Gris

Product Code:	4513
Country:	New Zealand
Region:	North Canterbury
Sub Region:	Waipara
Style:	White
Variety:	Pinot Gris
Producer:	Main Divide

Unit: Each Volume: 750ml Alcohol: 13.5%	Closure:	Screw Cap
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	Grape:	100% Pinot



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TASTING NOTES

Like all the other Main Divide wines, this over delivers on the flavour, quality and value fronts to offer excellent drinking at a fantastic price. Lusciously off dry with a richness, concentration of flavour, and complexity that could only come from Pegasus Bay. Aromas and flavours of ripe pear and spice, judicious residual sugar, added texture from lees aging, and a mineral freshness keeping it all in balance are rare attributes in a Pinot Gris at this price. Embrace and enjoy!

Winery notes (2024 Vintage)

"Pale gold in colour, the nose is vibrant and intensely aromatic. Tropical tones of lychee, cantaloupe melon and nashi pear, crest temptingly in a sea of perfume, floral and spice. Rose petal and honeysuckle awash the senses, infused with sage leaf, root ginger and droplets of almond nougat. The sprightly mouthfeel is texturised with ripe phenolics, balanced beautifully by fractional sweetness and a core of perky acidity, leading to a satisfying and structured finish.

Aiming for a classic Alsatian style with a North Canterbury twist, the fruit was harvested in stages over several weeks to optimise the grapes' range of natural flavours. After picking, they were gently pressed, and the juice fermented in stainless steel tanks at a cool temperature to retain varietal purity and freshness. The wine was then given a short period of ageing on its natural deposit of yeast lees (sur lie), prior to bottling. At all stages, from fermentation to bottling, the wine was handled very carefully to help it retain a little of its naturally dissolved carbon dioxide. This may result in a small amount of spritzig



when first poured, accentuating the freshness and liveliness of the wine."

5 Stars & 93/100 Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, November 2024 (2024 Vintage)

"Beautifully ripe and inviting, the bouquet shows poached pear, rockmelon, rich floral and subtle spice aromas. It's succulent and fleshy in the mouth, delivering terrific fruit intensity together with supple texture and beautifully infused acidity, finishing delicious and lingering. At its best: now to 2028."

Rated Excellent & 93/100 Cameron Douglas MS, November 2024 (2024 Vintage)

"A hat tip to the classic style from Alsace, harvested at optimal ripeness to deliver a range of natural flavours and white spice with fresh white nectarine and pear, a satin texture, refreshing acid line and distinctive mouthfeel. The fruit is gently pressed then fermented in stainless steel tanks at a cool temperature to retain varietal purity and freshness. The wine is then lees aged (*sur lie*), prior to bottling. A decent acid line and fine tannins mouthfeel add length and complexity. Best drinking from 2024 through 2027."

Reviews for previous vintages below...

Rated Excellent, Mark Henderson, Otago Daily Times, January 2024 (2021 Vintage)

"Struck match, smoke, honey, lemony citrus, rose petal, musk, a busy nose. Richly mouthfilling, honey, spice, musk, nicely integrated with a little prickle on the tongue and vibrant acidity giving this lovely freshness. A touch of apricot kernel comes in on the finish, a counter to the fruit ripeness. Reduction more evident with time but I like it. Lots to enjoy."

4 Stars Michael Cooper (2021 Vintage)

"From Pegasus Bay, this is a consistently good buy. Aiming for a "classic Alsatian style with a North Canterbury twist", the lively 2021 vintage was tank-fermented and briefly lees-aged. Bright, light yellow/green, with a slightly honeyed bouquet, it is full-bodied, with strong, peachy, gently spicy flavours, a splash of sweetness (9.5 grams/litre of residual sugar), and fresh, balanced acidity. Best drinking mid-2024+."

92/100 Bob Campbell MW, The Real Review, August 2023 (2021 Vintage)

"Appealing wine with restrained lusciousness and flavours that suggest tree-ripened pear, ginger, bush honey, pineapple, and peach, supported by fresh, tangy acidity."

92/100 JamesSuckling.com (2021 Vintage)

"Aromas of pears and honeysuckle with some nutmeg. Full body. Dense and fruity with a core of fruit. Almost oily in texture. Fruity at the end."

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