

# Wairau River Pinot Gris 2012

**Country** New Zealand

**Region** South Island, Marlborough

The northern tip of South Island has become New Zealand's most important wine region since sheep farming and cherry orchards were first replaced with vineyard in the 1970s. Much of the land is alluvial river basin with well-drained soils that provide an ideal environment for pungent, grassy Sauvignon Blanc. Pinot Noir from the more suitable clay slopes and Pinot Gris are also proving world-beaters.

**Producer** Wairau River Wines

Wairau River wines take their name from the river that runs through the heart of the Marlborough wine region. (Wairau is Maori for 'many waters'). The Rose family were pioneers in planting vines in the 1970's and after originally selling the grapes to other wineries (like Cloudy Bay) they launched their own label in the early 1990's. Today their foresight has created a very successful company which remains family owned and run. Wairau River is one of the largest independent wine estates in Marlborough, and the range of elegant wines is characteristically expressive of its Marlborough roots.

**Tasting (Long)** This trendy mineral influenced Marlborough white, captures the very essence of the regions clean and pure climate. Succulent ripe pear on the nose, with melon, apple and apricot flavours. A lingering finish complements the exotic spice and fleshy character, with well-integrated lemon notes.

**Tasting (Short)** This trendy mineral influenced Marlborough white, captures the very essence of the regions clean and pure climate. Bursting with pear and melon flavours, creamy with hints of mild spice, and well-integrated lemon notes.

**Serving Suggestion** It is the ideal wine to accompany rich creamy foods and white meats, Chinese and Thai foods.



**Type** White

**Style** Mineral

**Oaked Style** Unoaked

**Body Style** Medium bodied

**Dry / Sweet Style** Dry

**Alcohol Content (%)** 14

**Closure Style** Screw Cap

**Organic / Biodynamic** Normal

**Grape Varieties Percentage**

Pinot Gris 92%

Chardonnay 6%

Gewürztraminer 2%

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