CABLE BAY

VINEYARDS

PINOT GRIS 2025

AWATERE VALLEY · MARLBOROUGH



VARIETY	100% Pinot Gris
VINTAGE	2025
REGION	Awatere Valley, Marlborough
SINGLE VINEYARD	Rocky Vineyard
HARVEST DATE	23rd March
ALCOHOL	13%
SWEETNESS	Dry
ACIDITY	5.4g/L
VINIFICATION	Fermented in a stainless-steel vat and aged on lees for 5 months
CELLARING POTENTIAL	Drinking beautifully now and will continue to develop for the next 10+ years

TASTING NOTE

This wine is made from beautifully sun-ripened fruit grown on our established Rocky Vineyard vines. Fresh white florals of rose and jasmine are complemented by lifted aromatics of pear, nashi apple and subtle spice. The fruit was gently pressed with no skin contact, preserving purity and varietal expression. While the flavour profile is ripe and expressive, the wine remains dry and mineral in style, offering a clear and honest expression of our much-loved Rocky Vineyard in the 2025 season.

VINEYARDS & VITICULTURE

Our carefully selected, estate-owned site benefits from naturally terraced land that slopes down towards the Awatere River. The region is characterised by low rainfall and low-vigour soils, predominantly formed from alluvial gravels, which contribute texture and minerality to the wines. The vines are densely planted, encouraging inter-vine competition and resulting in naturally low yields of high-quality fruit.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested during the cool of the morning and transported directly to the winery. The fruit was gently pressed and the juice fermented to dryness at cool temperatures, allowing varietal character and fruit purity to be fully expressed. The wine was matured on light yeast lees for approximately five months, developing subtle texture and palate weight while retaining freshness and vibrancy. The wine was bottled and rested prior to release.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

At Cable Bay Vineyards, our philosophy centres on crafting premium boutique wines that embody the unique character of the vineyard sites from which they originate. Guided by a commitment to quality and sustainability with minimal intervention, our wines are a true reflection of the land and the care we put into every step of the process.

We believe that great wine starts in the vineyard. Our passionate team, led by the owner, focuses on ensuring that each grapevine is nurtured to its fullest potential. From vineyard management to the final pour, every decision we make is informed by our respect for the environment and the unique terroir of our regions.

"Elegantly fragrant on the nose with aromas of Gala apple, Asian pear, apricot, and subtle spices. The palate offers juicy fruit intensity and fleshy texture, beautifully supported by bright acidity, finishing lingering and tasty. At its best: now to 2028." ***5 Stars / 93 pts — Wine Orbit***

"Delicious, ripe, fresh, fruity and crunchy in texture with a light saline and savoury quality. Aromas and flavours of fresh green and brown pears, rose apple and citrus. Just dry with a very light tickle of residual sweetness — flavours of citrus then white-fleshed orchard fruits with a whisper of white spice and stony mineral layers. Balanced with some layers; ready to drink from day of purchase through 2028+." ***92 pts — Cameron Douglas MS***

"Scents of jasmine, ripe pear and rose apples with subtle notes of honey, rock melon and wet stone. Medium-to-full-bodied, with a ripe citrus fruit profile packed with ginger spice and chalkiness, and a complex phenolic mouthfeel." ***90/100 — James Suckling***