

Red Hut Pinot Gris

2025



REGION

Marlborough

VINEYARD CLONES

MS Pinot Gris from a single vineyard

SUB-DISTRICT

Awatere Valley

ABV

12.5%

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2025 growing season in Marlborough’s Awatere Valley provided near-ideal conditions for the production of high-quality Pinot Gris. A cooler-than-average spring was followed by warm, dry weather throughout summer and into the early autumn harvest period. These conditions ensured slow, even ripening with minimal disease pressure, allowing fruit to be picked at optimal physiological maturity.

The Awatere Valley’s hallmark cool nights and elevated sites helped retain natural acidity and aromatic freshness, while the region’s dry, windy climate reduced yields slightly, enhancing flavour concentration. Free-draining soils and a long ripening window supported the development of pure fruit character and fine phenolic structure, both essential to expressive, balanced Pinot Gris.

The resulting wines from 2025 show lifted notes of pear, white peach and citrus blossom, with a subtle mineral edge and bright acidity, making this a standout vintage for Awatere Valley Pinot Gris.

WINEMAKING

Fruit was hand-picked, fully destemmed, and chilled to 6°C before being immediately pressed, with only the free-run juice retained. Fermentation took place in stainless steel vats using a neutral yeast strain at temperatures between 16–18°C, with a small portion (10%) fermented separately in a large oak vat to add complexity.

Following fermentation, the wine was matured on lees for two months to enhance texture and mouthfeel. It was then blended, naturally stabilised, and bottled with minimal intervention.

TASTING NOTE

The 2025 Red Hut Pinot Gris from Marlborough’s Awatere Valley is a vibrant and finely detailed expression of the variety. Aromas of freshly cut pear, lemon zest and white blossom lead into a palate that is both bright and textural. Notes of nashi pear, green apple and a hint of spice are supported by lively acidity and a subtle mineral edge, reflecting the cool, coastal influence of the Awatere sub-region. Fermented and matured with care to preserve purity and freshness, this Pinot Gris finishes long and clean, with a gentle savoury note that adds depth and complexity. Elegant, refreshing and distinctly Awatere. ■