

Tasting Notes



The Dress Circle is the premium seating in the theatre and matches the location of our Pinot Gris. Situated on our middle terrace overlooking the spectacular vista of lake and mountains, it is indeed the 'dress circle' of the vineyard.

"This off-dry wine has an expressive nose of pink grapefruit mixed with pineapple and pear, notes of quince paste and a hint of spice. The rich, full and almost endless palate is gentle on entry with a refreshing chalky acidity. A portion of natural ferment in older oak has also added to the palate complexity." Olly Masters - Winemaker

Vintage

A warm start to the season was tempered by heavy rain in December and again in February when temperatures dropped considerably. The rain and warmth over early spring meant there was plenty of vigour in the canopy requiring careful management and regular thinning. Conditions at the critical times of flowering and fruit set were ideal however véraison and then ripening happened slowly due to the cooler February temperatures and several cold snaps. The Dress Circle bore the brunt of the windy growing conditions and struggled through the season, which led to us dropping more fruit in order to maintain vine health. We were extremely happy with the resulting fruit which was hand-harvested at a very low level of 3.95 tonnes per hectare.

Food Match

This is an 'anytime' white wine that can be enjoyed alone or matched with a wide variety of Chinese, Indian and Thai food. It's particularly good with shellfish, salmon, chicken, pork, and creamy-sauce pasta dishes.

Details

Region	Central Otago, New Zealand	Vineyard	Estate-grown, single vineyard
Production	936 cases	Variety/ Clones	GM 2.15 (72%), Barrie (28%)
Planting	2005, Altitude: 281 - 313m	Harvested	19 & 20 April 2009
Harvest Analysis	Brix 25 / pH: 3.25 / TA: 7.9 g/l	Bottled	15 September 2009 (Stelvin closure)
Wine Analysis	Alc:14.8% / pH: 3.45 / TA: 6.3 g/l	Cellaring	1 - 3+ years
Residual Sugar	5 g/l	Style	Off-Dry

Winemaking

The fruit was all whole bunch pressed then, as with last year's very successful style, we fermented the later press portion (31%) in older oak barrels with indigenous yeast to build texture into the wine. The free run portion was inoculated and cool fermented in tank to retain varietal character.

Misha's Vineyard

Misha's Vineyard is located on one of the most spectacular sites in New Zealand at the edge of Lake Dunstan in the Bendigo sub-region of Central Otago. The sun drenched north-west facing terraces of the 57 hectare estate provide the optimal conditions for producing world-class Pinot Noir and a range of aromatic white varieties.