## LEEFIELD STATION PINOT GRIS 2022

Waihopai Valley, Marlborough





**TASTING NOTES:** This wine displays fragrant aromas of honeysuckle, white peach and apple laced with a hint of toasted almond. The palate reveals focused flavors of nashi pear and melon with a seam of salty minerality showcasing concentration and freshness with a deliciously persistent finish.

**VITICULTURE:** Record rainfall in July, August and a warm start to September, permitted an energetic start to the growing season. This coincided with double the usual number of frosts which were replaced by warmer temperatures and humid northerly airflows in October. Early season varieties flowered rapidly while later season varietals were slightly challenged by a cool, wet start to December. Increasing temperatures and a warm, dry January ultimately ensured an abundance of fruit.

Despite heavy February rains, good vineyard practice and increased sunshine hours through the tail end of February meant the vast majority of the resulting fruit was clean and ripe.

Harvesting began in early March due to early season disease pressure with positive fruit flavors indicating physiological ripeness.

The team are excited about the structural diversity and bright complex flavors of the 2022 wines.

**VINIFICATION:** The Pinot Gris fruit was field destemmed before being gently pressed to stainless steel tanks in preparation for fermentation. Purposely selected yeast strains were chosen to enhance the varietal intensity and mouthfeel, with a slow and steady fermentation to preserve these aromatics. After a short period of time on yeast lees the wine was fined and filtered prior to bottling. Vegan Certified.

**STORY:** Situated in the Waihopai Valley of Marlborough, New Zealand, Leefield Station is a magical place where the drive, tenacity and vision of its owners, past and present have created a remarkable working farm.

Owned by the Marris family, Leefield Station is also home to an evolving vineyard, which harmoniously respects the land and its origins – bringing together the toil of generations and continuing the true legacy now into the future.

**PRODUCER:** Marisco Vineyards **REGION:** Waihopai Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand

GRAPE(S): 100% Pinot Gris

ALCOHOL: 14%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.2 G/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 3.5 G/L

**pH:** 3.6

