

GREYWACKE

Kevin Judd



2013 GREYWACKE PINOT GRIS

WINEMAKER: Kevin Judd
REGION: Marlborough, New Zealand
VARIETALS: Pinot Gris
ALCOHOL: 14.0% alc/vol | TA: 5.4 g/l | pH: 3.38

VITICULTURE:

Most of the fruit for this wine is from the Selection Oville and Mission clones grown at Wrekin Terrace Vineyard in the Brancott Valley, a valley floor site on gravelly clay loam soils typical of the Southern Valleys. A smaller parcel of the newly released Entav 52 clone (known for its small bunch and berry size) was grown at Riverbrook Vineyard in Rapaura in young alluvial soils containing high proportions of greywacke river stones. The vines were trained on a two-cane vertical shoot positioning trellis.

WINEMAKING:

The three clones were hand-picked separately and whole bunch pressed using very low maceration press cycles. The resulting juice was cold settled, the clear juice then racked to fermentation vessels. Half of the juice was inoculated in a stainless steel tank using cultured yeast and the balance was filled into old French oak barriques where it underwent spontaneous indigenous yeast fermentation. Towards the end of fermentation all the wine was transferred to a stainless steel tank. The blended wine was then filled into old barrels where it remained on yeast lees for a further five months.

TASTING NOTES:

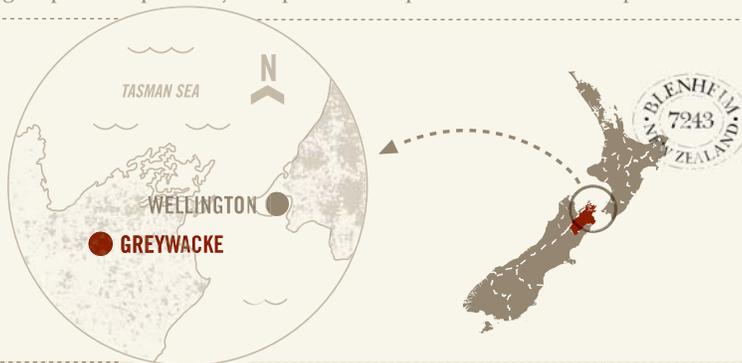
Voluptuous aromatics that conjure thoughts of quince jam, peach skins and hard brown pears – ripe and rounded with a delicate lift of nutmeg and an earthy richness. A generous, fleshy style of Pinot Gris with great concentration and a long, luscious finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

90 pts Wine Spectator, 89 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

ABOUT GREYWACKE:

One of Marlborough's pioneering winemakers, Kevin Judd's career is intrinsically linked with Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. Established in 2009, Judd's label Greywacke (pronounced "gray-wacky") is the fulfillment of a long-held dream. Named after New Zealand's prolific bedrock, Greywacke was originally adopted by Kevin and his wife Kimberley as the name for their first Marlborough vineyard in Rapaura, whose soils have an abundance of these river stones. Greywacke sources fruit from mature vineyards within Marlborough's central Wairau Plains and the Southern Valleys. Also an established professional photographer, Judd's home in the Omaka Valley overlooking Marlborough's picturesque vineyards provides inspiration for both his passions.



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