

GREYWACKE

Kevin Judd



2010 GREYWACKE PINOT GRIS

WINEMAKER: Kevin Judd
REGION: Marlborough, New Zealand
VARIETALS: Pinot Gris
ALCOHOL: 13.3% alc/vol | pH 3.25 | TA 7.2 g/l

VITICULTURE:

The fruit was grown at Wrekin Terrace Vineyard in the Brancott Valley, a valley floor site on gravelly clay-loam soils typical of the Southern Valleys. The vines were a 50/50 mix of the Selection Ovaile and Mission clones, both of which have modest bunch and berry size. The vines were trained on a two-cane VSP (vertical shoot positioning) trellis and careful thinning was carried out to produce a crop level of around three tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The two clones were hand-picked separately and whole bunch pressed using very low maceration press cycles. 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 was allowed to undergo spontaneous indigenous yeast fermentation. Towards the end of fermentation all the wine was transferred to old oak barrels where it was allowed to finish slowly with intermittent lees stirring. The fermentation was eventually stopped in July, retaining 8.0 g/l residual sugar. The blended wine was then filled into old barrels where it remained on yeast lees for a further four months prior to bottling in November 2010.

TASTING NOTES:

Very ripe, concentrated fruit has created an opulent style, rich in aromas of yellow apples, nectarines and figs. The palate is generous and textural with flavors of freshly dried apricots and doughy wild fermentation complexity – a tangy, full-flavored wine that finishes with a faint hint of sweetness.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

90 pts eRobertParker.com, 90 pts Wine Enthusiast, 88 pts WineSpectator.com

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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