



WAIRAU RIVER

MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND



BRAIDED PINOT GRIGIO + SAUVIGNON BLANC 2025

TASTING NOTES

Vibrant citrus a floral blossom aromatics combine with notes of ripe golden apple and fresh cut grass. The palate is rich and fruitful with textural elements supporting the fine mineral acidity.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

A mild dry winter was followed by very favourable weather conditions during flowering and fruit set, which produced increased yields compared to recent vintages. The warm settled weather continued through late December resulting in exceptional canopy health, before an extended period of cooler weather through January helped bring development back in line with the long-term average.

The ripening period was characterised by a return to the long hot windy days which Marlborough is renowned for, which helped reduce disease pressure and promote intense flavour and aroma development. This dry weather continued throughout harvest, without any significant rainfall events until the end of March, when harvesting paused for a few days to allow the vineyards sufficient time to dry out. Targeted yield management ensured the vines maintained a healthy crop level, with exciting potential shown by our younger vineyards that are producing intensely concentrated wines as they become more established.

VINIFICATION

Sourced from our family vineyards across the Marlborough region, these grapes were harvested in the cool hours of the morning, gently pressed and fermented in stainless steel tanks. After blending, the wine was left to settle on light lees before bottling on the Wairau River Estate.

FLAVOUR PROFILE

Citrus		Floral	
Apple		Grass	

TECHNICAL DATA

Harvested from 11 March - 03 April 2025			
Alc	13%	RS	4.7g/L
TA	6.6g/L	pH	3.19

WINEMAKER'S NOTES



"Creating BRAIDED was a real buzz — and a first for Wairau River. It's a union of two Marlborough classics and it was exciting to see how well they joined together. Sauvignon Blanc delivered vibrant citrus and tropical notes, while Pinot Grigio added softness, pear, and florals. Together, they've created a refreshing, balanced wine. BRAIDED is your perfect companion — two grapes, one wine, always shareable.

Nick Entwistle - Chief Winemaker



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