

MAIN DIVIDE

by the Donaldson Family



PINOT GRIS 2019

Main Divide is the local name for the Southern Alps and is the backbone of the South Island, where grapes for Main Divide are exclusively sourced. Vineyards have been selected for their quality and ability to express unique regional flavours.

The Season

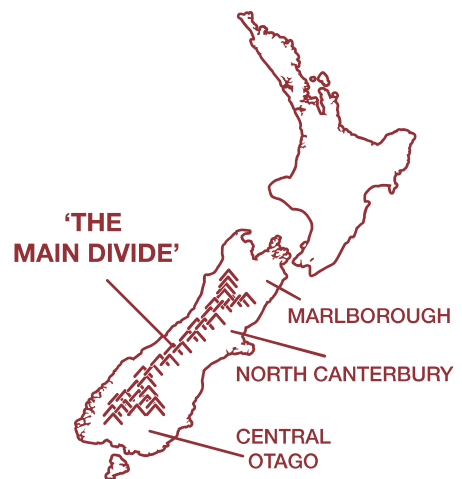
Unsettled weather over flowering resulted in a lighter than average set, meaning that no further fruit thinning was necessary. A classic North Canterbury summer then enabled this smaller crop to mature beautifully. Accelerated ripening allowed harvest to take place slightly earlier than usual, and favourable autumn weather ensured the grapes were picked in perfect condition.

The Harvest and Winemaking

Aiming for a classic Alsatian style with a North Canterbury twist, the fruit was harvested in stages during late March and April to achieve a range of ripeness levels. After picking, the grapes were pressed, and the juice fermented in stainless steel tanks at a cool temperature to retain varietal purity and freshness. The wine was then given a short period of ageing on its natural deposit of yeast lees (sur lie), prior to bottling.

The Wine

The colour is deep lemon, with an inviting bouquet of ripe peach, nashi pear, and lemon curd, underlaid with mixed spice, honeysuckle, and a touch of flint. The mouthfeel is soft and rounded, supported by subtle sweetness and bright acidity that sets up for an impressively lengthy finish. Generous and flavourful yet delivered with finesse.



HARVEST DATE	AVE. BRIX AT HARVEST	ALCOHOL CONTENT	R.S	T.A.	AGING POTENTIAL
30th March - 8th April 2019	24	13.5%	15 g/l	5 g/l	Drink now

Wine in moderation is a natural health food.