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Valleys

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2011

VARIETY

100% Pinot Gris.

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at the Sleepers Vineyard by Chris and Lynne Wilson.

LOCALITY

Kekerengu Valley, Marlborough, NZ.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol: 13.0 %

Residual sugar: 4.8 g/L

pH: 3.23

Titrateable Acidity: 6.5 g/L

VITICULTURE

Climate The early growing season had useful rains and few winds, aiding grapevine health. The ripening period was dry and mild, allowing balanced acidity and good flavours at moderate sugar levels.

Soils An elevated river terrace of deep silt loam interspersed with fragmented limestone.

Vine Management Standard trellis with vertical shoot positioning, pruned to two canes. Vines are trimmed closely, well tucked and lightly leaf plucked. The fruit was green thinned to ensure even ripeness.

Harvest Dates The 27th March, 2011.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand harvested and whole cluster pressed to minimise phenolic extraction. Free-run juice only was used, and fermented with full grape solids at low temperature to retain the subtle flavours and to impart a creamy texture.

TASTING NOTES

Colour/Appearance Pale-gold

Aroma/Bouquet Ripe pears, light peach and quince jelly, a background of nougat and hint of ginger.

Palate Soft, easy drinking wine with a fine minerality and delicacy of structure. Pear, quince and peach flavours dominate.

Cellaring Will age gracefully over the next four years.

Suggested Foods Poultry, roast pork, light game, mushrooms and pasta.

Serve Lightly chilled or at cool room temperature

Simon Waghorn

Simon Waghorn, Winemaker

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