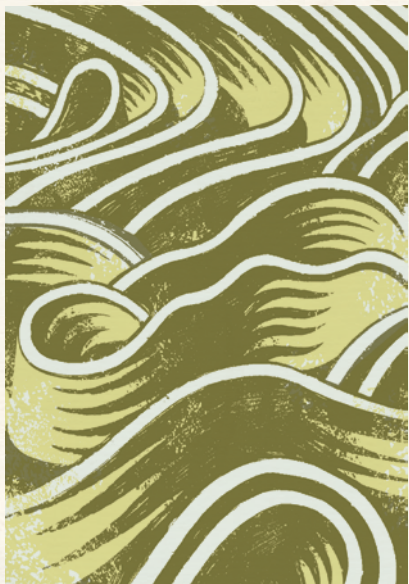


# DURVILLEA

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"All along Marlborough's wild coast, clinging to rocks at low tide is the seaweed Durvillea. We know it as bull kelp or rimurapa, and its strong lines, shapes, textures and colours mirror the depth and complexity of flavours found in our wine.

The Durvillea Pinot Grigio grapes are grown in the Waihopai and Awatere Valleys of Marlborough. The grapes are harvested at precisely the right moment and I preserve the purity and intensity of flavour in my winemaking."

Simon Waghorn – Winemaker

## 2011 Marlborough Pinot Gris

### VARIETY

95% Pinot Gris  
5% Gewurztraminer

### GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at the Comelybank, Beaconhill, and Trelawne vineyards.

### LOCALITY

Waihopai and Awatere Valleys, Marlborough, NZ.

### SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol: 13.0%  
Residual sugar: 3.5 g/l  
pH: 3.41  
Titratable Acidity: 6.1 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** Free-draining stony, silty loam.

**Vine Management** Standard trellis with vertical shoot positioning, pruned to 2 or 3 canes, depending on site capacity. Vines are trimmed closely, well tucked and lightly leaf plucked.

**Harvest** Between the 22nd March and 18th April, 2011.

### TASTING NOTES

**Colour/Appearance** Pale lemon-straw.

**Aroma/Bouquet** Fresh pear and fig, with nougat and light honey.

**Palate** Medium-bodied with pear and peach flavours, minerally texture and long finish.

**Cellaring** Already drinking well and likely to improve over the next 3 years.

**Suggested Foods** Pasta and poultry dishes, smoked salmon and salads.

**Serve** Lightly chilled.

### WINEMAKING

The fruit was machine harvested during the cooler evening hours and immediately de-stemmed and pressed gently, with only the free run juice retained. A cool fermentation in stainless steel vats using selected yeast strains allowed us to preserve the pretty aromas of pears and the fresh fruit flavours.

*Simon Waghorn*

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