

## Misha's Vineyard 'Dress Circle' Pinot Gris 2010



## 93 points \* \* \* Top 100 New Releases (Aug '11) Gourmet Traveller WINE

"Gently aromatic wine with fresh pear and honeysuckle characters. Pure, powerful and yet delicate Pinot Gris with an ethereal texture. Very attractive wine ". (Bob Campbell MW)

**18/20** "Very pale straw colour with a youthful appearance. This has a rich, densely concentrated nose of ripe yellow stonefruits, pears and minerals, full and voluminous. Off-dry on palate, this is rich, dense and weighty with lovely full, soft textures. Ripe stone fruit flavours nuanced with a touch of spice, nuttiness and minerals show. There is a little alcohol heat present, but the crisp acid provides good freshness. The wine has an attractively lush, gentle finish. 76% stainless-steel, inoculated, 24% press wine wild yeast fermented in seasoned oak, to 14.0% alc. and 12 g/L rs. 947 cases made. This will be versatile with food. Serve with antipasto, pasta, poultry and pork over the next 4-6 years. Apr 2011" (Raymond Chan)

93 points \* \* \* \* \* \* \* " It was a year of small berries (and therefore small yields) for Pinot Gris on their vineyard, achieving only 3.7 tonnes per hectare (can be well over ten t/ha from more productive vineyards). The resulting wine shows lovely concentration and focus. This 2010 offering is beautifully expressed, displaying pear, apricot and floral characters with a hint of spice on the nose. The palate is expansive and beautifully weighted with gentle sweetness (12 g/l) and elegantly pitched acidity providing lovely freshness and balance. The wine flows seamlessly and will be quite stunning in a year or two, although it is quite impressive now. A portion (24%) of the juice was fermented in older oak barrels using indigenous yeasts. At its best: now to 2014. (Sam Kim)

"Nose: Asian pear, juicy and dense with white fleshed fruits – pear, nectarine then apple skin. Palate: Off – dry with ginger spiced brown pear skin, juicy white fleshed fruits, Persimmon and high toned white pepper lift. Medium to medium+ weight with a hint of oiliness adds to the texture and finish. Only 947 cases produced" (Cameron Douglas, MS)

Misha's Vineyard "Dress Circle" Pinot Gris has been selected to represent New Zealand in 2009, 2010 & 2011 **Tri Nations Wine Challenge** - as one of the best examples of New Zealand Pinot Gris

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