

Rock Ferry Wines

2009 Rock Ferry Central Otago Pinot Gris

Vineyard: Trig Hill

Region: Bendigo, Central Otago. The vineyard is situated in the historic region of Bendigo not far from the gold mines of yesteryear. Planted on colluvium fans the vineyard is named after an old trig station on a hilltop in the middle of the site.

Vintage: The 2009 vintage was cooler than 2008 and meticulous care in the vineyard was required to allow the fruit to ripen fully. With a longer season and lower than normal yields, 2009 provided concentrated fruit flavours and well structured wines.

Viticulture: Our aim is best summed up by 'fine wine begins with the vine'. Our approach is through sustainable viticulture where we strive for balance in the vineyard. This ultimately provides grapes that are a reflection of our particular site.

Winemaking: The grapes were hand harvested in two pickings. The first pick was whole bunch pressed with the free-run pressings fraction kept separate. The free-run was fermented in stainless steel while the pressings were fermented in 1 year old oak. The second pick was 'late harvested', whole bunch pressed and fermented in older oak.

Tasting Notes: Complex nose showing classic baked pear and spice aromas with hints of honey. The palate is full bodied and luscious with excellent weight and length of flavours.

Technical: 13.5% alc, 3.5pH, 6.6g/l TA, RS 8.9g/l

Winemaker: Allan McWilliams

