

# Rock Ferry Wines

## 2009 Rock Ferry Marlborough Pinot Gris

- Vineyard:** The Corners
- Region:** Wairau Plains, Marlborough. The vineyard is situated within an ancient bend of the Opawa River and the vineyard name in fact refers to the shape of the road which follows this old river channel.
- Vintage:** The 2009 vintage was a classic cool climate vintage. Good spring growing conditions led to a hot dry summer. Despite some rain in late summer/early autumn the lead up to harvest saw dry cool weather providing succulent fruit with refreshing acidity.
- Viticulture:** Our aim is best summed up by 'fine wine begins with the vine'. Our approach is through organic and biodynamic viticulture (The Corners Vineyard is certified organic by BioGro New Zealand) 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 and whole bunch pressed. The majority (75 %) of the wine was fermented in stainless steel with cultured yeast while the remaining portion was fermented in seasoned oak barrels with indigenous yeast. The wine was then matured on gross lees for 4 months prior to bottling.
- Tasting Notes:** Intense pear, spice and ginger aromas introduce the silken, seamlessly textured palate structure. The lees aging and barrel ferment lend complex characters to this medium dry style.
- Technical:** 14% Alc, 3.56pH, 6.4g/l T.A., RS 8.1g/l
- Winemaker:** Allan McWilliams

