



# WAIPARA HILLS

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*At the ends of the earth, high in the mountainous region of New Zealand's South Island, grows the Mountain Buttercup. Delicate and beautiful, it belies its harsh upbringing. Waipara Hills is part of the same wild landscape where vines have survived perilous winters to produce complex, elegant wines for you to enjoy.*



2008

pinot gris  
WAIPARA  
NEW ZEALAND WINE



### *Simon's Tasting Note:*

<i>Colour</i>	<i>Pale gold/straw</i>
<i>Nose</i>	<i>Fresh apple and pear with some rich gum drop aromas.</i>
<i>Palate</i>	<i>Rich fruit sweetness quickly flows onto a dry mid palate and finish, with delicate apple and pear flavours throughout.</i>
<i>Viticulture</i>	<i>The fruit for this wine came from the Pilgrim and the Glasnevin Vineyards in Waipara.</i>
<i>Vintage</i>	<i>Cooler conditions and some rain during the harvest period meant plenty of work bringing in the fruit all at once, but the stable and warm summer produced great flavours and aromatics.</i>
<i>Maturation</i>	<i>A small portion of this wine was matured in oak barrels to help promote greater complexity, while the remainder was kept in stainless steel tanks to retain freshness.</i>
<i>Peak drinking</i>	<i>2009-2010</i>

### *Wine Analysis:*

<i>Alcohol</i>	<i>13.8%</i>	<i>Residual Sugar</i>	<i>7.2 g/L</i>
<i>Acidity (TA)</i>	<i>5.2 g/L</i>	<i>pH</i>	<i>3.55</i>

### *Awards:*

*BLUE-GOLD - Sydney International Wine Competition 2010*  
*Silver - Decanter UK, 2009*  
*Silver - Air New Zealand Wine Awards, 2008*  
*Bronze - Liquorland International Top 100*  
*Bronze - The New Zealand International Wine Show, 2009*  
*Bronze - International Wine & Spirits Competition, 2009*  
*Bronze - Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2009*  
*Commended - International Wine Challenge (UK), 2009*



Winemaker  
Simon McGeorge

