

MAGGIE'S BLOCK PINOT GRIS 2015

MICHAEL COOPER'S NZ WINE BUYER'S GUIDE 2017

Michael Cooper, November 2016

4 Stars

The 2015 vintage was grown in the Balquidder Vineyard, at Brightwater, on the Waimea Plains, hand-picked, and fermented in tanks (79 per cent) and old oak puncheons (21 per cent). Made in an off-dry style (7 grams/litre of residual sugar), it is freshly scented and mouthfilling, with youthful, citrusy, peachy, slightly spicy flavours, showing a touch of complexity and very good vigour, harmony and depth. Best drinking 2017+.

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Yvonne Lorkin, April 2016

4 Stars

The thing that really impressed me was the immediate aromatic hit of baked apple, crushed sea-shells and spice. It's a lean, dry, ultra-clean style of pinot gris that has tightwire acidity on the palate and a long, chalky finish. I'd be sipping this with slowcooked pork belly with apple sauce. Delish.

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Bob Campbell MW, April 2016

91 Points

Light, fresh and fruity pinot gris, with gentle pear and quince flavours plus a subtle spice/anise character on the finish. Nicely structured wine with a dry-ish finish and an ethereal texture. Drink 2016 to 2020.

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Cameron Douglas MS, May 2016

91 Points

Very generous, plump and fruity bouquet with aromas of fleshy, plush and ripe white fruits - Asian pear, regular pears and yellow apple suggestions; a touch of white pepper and lees add depth. On the palate - dry, juicy, fleshy and flavourful with reminders of the fruits above and leesy, mineral-like flavours, some gentle white pepper spice and honeysuckle; medium acidity, balanced and ready for drinking; very well made with a lengthy finish.