



# Old Coach Road PINOT GRIS 2009

## Awards

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## Wine Analysis

Vineyard:

Seifried Brightwater, Redwood Valley, and small portions from Rabbit Island and Cornfield Vineyards

Sugar at Harvest:

23.6°Brix

Date of Harvest:

April 2009

pH of Wine:

3.41

T.A of Wine:

6.2g/L



## The Vineyard

The Brightwater Vineyard vines are grown in an extremely stony area of the vineyard, where water and nutrient levels are low. This helps us to restrict the plants vigour and to crop at low levels. To further enhance the aromatics we removed leaves to allow light penetration and air movement around the fruiting zone.

The unirrigated Redwood Valley Vineyard is situated on a gently sloping, north facing clay site which optimises the heat of the sun. These Pinot Gris vines have root systems going down in the clay which have been established over the past 26 years and therefore these top grafted vines have a very sturdy foundation. Younger plantings of Pinot Gris from our Cornfield Vineyard and a small area of top grafted Pinot Gris vines on our home Rabbit Island block have been blended to compliment the fruit off Brightwater stones and Redwood Valley clay.

## Winemakers Note

We used separate parcels of Pinot Gris from our clay soiled vineyards and from our stony/silty blocks to blend a complex wine. The Pinot Gris fruit for this wine comes predominantly from the Redwood Valley Vineyard and a small amount from the Cornfield, the Brightwater and the Rabbit Island Vineyards. The wine pulls together fruit from our varying Estate Vineyards to make the best our terroirs have to offer!

## Tasting Note

A well balanced, full flavoured wine with exotic pear and musky spice characters. It is textural with a moderate weight palate and a well proportioned phenolic structure.