



BATCH WINERY

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NV Blanc de Gris

Style: Off-dry Sparkling Pinot Gris/Flora

Location: Thomas Estate Vineyard, Waiheke Island

Varietals: Pinot Gris, Flora

This wine is called Blanc de Gris, a sparkling wine made from Pinot Gris and Flora. Pinot Gris and Flora are both aromatic white grapes, Flora is a cross between Semillon and Gewurztraminer. Blanc de Gris is a French term for sparkling wine meaning “White from Grey”. The French call it grey, because as grey is a colour between white and black so is the skin of Pinot Gris and Flora; a colour between Pinot Blanc (white) and Pinot Noir (black). Pinot Gris and Flora have a distinctive pink and copper coloured skin.

Winemaking: A blend of Pinot Gris and Flora. Three vintages were combined to produce a more complex sparkling wine. 90% of the blend was cool fermented to retain aromatics and fruitiness; this portion was from the 2021 Pinot Gris and 2022 Flora. 10% of the blend was the 2017 field blend rose base which had been made in the classic methode style and bottle aged on lees for four years. We disgorged the 2017 field blend methode base and blended it into the Blanc de Gris base wine. The wine was then produced into a sparkling wine. This wine is called non-vintage (NV) because it is a blend of multiple vintages.

Production: 3105 Bottles (750ml)

Closure: Cork

Alcohol: 13%

Style: Off-dry

RRP: \$50

Winemakers tasting note:

“Pale gold, fine beaded effervescence. This sparkling wine is bright and fruit driven, with aromas and flavours of Nashi pear, William’s pear, golden delicious apple, honey and baking spice. The mousse is soft while the finish is crisp and juicy”.