

Čuvar Iris Collection

Hawke's Bay Pinot Gris 2026

VINTAGE

The 2026 growing season delivered one of the earliest harvests we have experienced. Warm conditions throughout the season, coupled with settled, dry weather during February and March, provided ideal ripening conditions, resulting in exceptional fruit quality and flavour concentration. The wines from this vintage display remarkable balance, purity, and intensity, making 2026 a truly exceptional year for Hawke's Bay.

VINEYARD

Te Hau, Matapiro

Located in one of the coldest sub-regions in Hawke's Bay, Te Hau is an elevated and inland vineyard that experiences long, warm days and cool nights. Vines lie on soils made up of a thin layer of windblown loess that cover old, coarse red gravels combined with layers of volcanic silt.

TECH NOTES

PH : 3.46	TA : 6.75gl	ALC : 12.5%
Standard Drinks : 7.4	Variety: Pinot Gris	Residual Sugar: 8.4gl
Bottled: July 2026	Vegan Friendly	Vine age: 15 years

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

Lifted aromas of ripe pear, nashi and red apple skin are complemented by hints of ginger and spice.

Flavours of nectarine and citrus are balanced by refreshing acidity, while gentle floral notes and a touch of minerality add complexity.

Medium-bodied and off dry with a silky texture and long, persistent finish.

WINEMAKING

FRUIT HANDLING:

Harvested early in the morning and gently pressed to tank for a light overnight settling.

FERMENTATION VESSEL & MATURATION:

90% Racked to tank for fermentation between 16 and 18 deg C.

10% transferred to older French Puncheons and barriques for barrel fermentation at 22-24 deg C. Blended post ferment and aged on light lees for 4 months.

Ripe pear and spice

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