



## PROPHET'S ROCK

### *Reviews: Prophet's Rock Pinot Gris*

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#### **2016 Vintage**

**Air New Zealand Fine Wines of New Zealand List – 2017**

Delicious bouquet oozing charm and elegance; soft, fleshy and spicy white fruits underpinned by minerality and concentration. An oily soft rounded texture on the nose also adds depth and intrigue. On the palate – creamy texture, oil moments and loaded with spice, minerality and flavours of red and white pear, citrus spice, white nectarine and perhaps a little older oak. A complex wine with some residual sugar and contrasting acidity; great balance and length. Drink now and through 2025.

**Cameron Douglas, MS (94 Points. March 2017)**

My general antipathy towards Pinot Gris is quite well known, I find the vast majority of them dull, uninteresting and simple. Prophet's Rock 2015 Pinot Gris has made me completely rethink my prejudice. A truly remarkable example, it is rich and robust with incredible depth of flavour, and wonderful length. It is easily the finest Pinot Gris I have ever had, and I would imagine it will cellar for a number of years yet, with its old school real cork allowing it to develop and age naturally.”

**Waikato wine and beer writer Simon Wood (May 2017)**

#### **2015 Vintage**

Estate-grown and hand-picked at two Bendigo sites, in the Cromwell Basin, the 2015 vintage is full of personality. Fermented with indigenous yeasts and made with some use of old oak, it is fleshy, with rich, peachy, citrusy, slightly spicy flavours, showing a distinct touch of complexity, gentle sweetness (12 grams/litre of residual sugar), and lovely vigour and harmony. Drink now or cellar

**Michael Coopers Buyers Guide 2017 (5 stars, December 2016)**

Beguiling, attractive bouquet of ripe white fruits suggesting nectarine and peach, some red apple and even yellow plum; old oak spices and an oily citrus texture add complexity. On the palate – crisp, fruity, complex, off-dry and lengthy; a wine to savour in a big glass (please); lees and old oak flavours strengthen the core of fruit adding both weight and flavour to a lengthy finish.

**Cameron Douglas, MS (94 points. August 2016)**

Fleshy, with vibrant pear, lychee and spice flavours, off-dry and lingering.

**Michael Coopers Buyers Guide 2016 (4 stars. May 2016)**



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#### **2014 Vintage**

A concentrated Pinot Gris from low-yielding vines (4-5 tonnes/ha) grown in bony, rocky soils. Weighty wine with appealing juicy flavours (pear, apricot, floral and nutty lees) and a great texture. A touch of sweetness helps balance acid and fine tannins perfectly. Impressive wine

**Bob Campbell MW (95 points / Gold Ribbon. March 2016)**

**Ranked 3/28 2014 vintage Central Otago Pinot Gris**

Estate-grown and hand-picked at Bendigo, in the Cromwell Basin, the 2014 vintage (4.5\*) is a classy, tightly structured, still youthful wine, weighty, with generous, ripe, peachy, spicy flavours, fresh acidity, and a slightly sweet

**Michael Coopers buyers guide 2016 (4.5 stars. May 2016)**

Complex, rich bouquet, dense in fruit aromas laced with subtle spice. On the palate – off dry with vibrant fresh acidity and flavours to match – white fleshed tree fruits, a creamy almost oily texture and vibrant long finish with a splash of fruit tannin and old oak. Complex long finish – delightful example!

**Cameron Douglas, MW. (94 Points. November 2015)**

Elegant but powerful, with ripe nectarine, melon and mango flavors that are smooth, generous and juicy, with orange blossom aromatics lingering in the background. Shows plenty of focus on the finish, where a hint of minerality lingers. Drink now.

**Wine Spectator (Score: 90/100. September 2015)**

Creamy, spicy pear aroma. Rich and savoury/sour lees flavour and texture gives this real complexity without quashing the aromatic liveliness.

**Jancis Robinson**

Complex and voluptuous, its gentle sweetness balances a citrusy freshness in a wine that exudes notes of baked pear and nectarine fruit, crème anglaise plus a hint of stony mineral

**Jo Burzynska, Viva Top 50 2016 (May 2016)**

Modelled on the classic Alsace wine, this is refined and elegant, yet full of delectable flavours. Aromas of floral, poached pear, peach and rockmelon with subtle spice complexity on the nose. The palate is succulent and beautifully weighted, enhanced by whispering sweetness and seamless pitched acidity. A gorgeous wine. At its best: now to 2020

**Wine Orbit (94 points /5 stars. March 2016)**

Pale coloured, this has a strong core with depth to the nose, showing white and yellow stonefruits with savoury flint, minerals and nuts, and with a gentle punchy intensity. Medium-dry, the white and yellow stonefruit richness is tempered by crisp acidity and fine-grained phenolics. Some flintiness is present, but the fruit prevails. This has good body, and the wine is carried by the acidity and grip, leading to a dry finish.

**Raymond Chan (March 2016)**



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#### **2013 Vintage**

The 2013 (4\*) is mouthfilling, with fresh, ripe, peachy, slightly spicy flavours, balanced acidity, and excellent harmony and depth. Still youthful, it should be at its best mid-2015+.

**Michael Coopers Buyers Guide 2015 (4 Stars. November 2014)**

#### **2012 Vintage**

Estate-grown and hand-picked at Bendigo, in the Cromwell Basin, the pale lemon/green 2012 vintage (5\*) is fleshy, rich and oily-textured, with concentrated, slightly sweet stone-fruit and spice flavours, fresh acidity, and a real sense of youthful vigour

**Michael Coopers Buyers Guide 2015 (5 Stars. November 2014)**

#### **2011 Vintage**

Prophet's Rock winemaker Paul Pujol's time spent in Alsace is reflected in his serious examples of pinot gris. His latest is off-dry with an intense and elegant textural palate fusing notes of apple, honey and almond essence

**NZ Herald: In the Grip of Pinot Gris (February 2014)**

Estate-grown and hand-picked at Bendigo, in the Cromwell Basin, the 2011 vintage (4\*) is scented and fleshy, with rich peach and spice flavours and a slightly sweet (14 grams/litre of residual sugar) finish. Enjoyable from the start.

**Michael Cooper (4 stars)**

Brilliant straw-yellow colour with pale green hues. The nose is very tight and elegantly expressed, with delicate and pure aromas of white stonefruits and florals, revealing a fine core of savoury yellow stonefruits interwoven with pears and nuts. Medium-dry to taste and medium-full bodied, this has a rich and textural palate with sweetness enhancing the pear and stonefruit flavours. Floral elements emerge, along with refined nutty notes adding detail. Very fine phenolics and fruit extract form a flowing core and line, and the flavours are carried to a sustained finish showing ripe exotic tropical fruits and honeysuckle. This is an elegant and subtly flavoured medium-dry Pinot Gris with richness and textures in the Alsace style. Match with Asian fare, pate and semi hard cheeses over the next 5 years.

**Raymond Chan Wine Reviews (Score: 18.5/20, 5 stars. March 2014)**

#### **2010 Vintage**

"Prophet's Rock makes some of New Zealand's most poised and elegant wines, and this is no exception; a lovely, delicate example of the variety, with restrained pear and apple aromas, backed up with a taut palate. Off-dry, but with a firm backbone that will stand up well to light dishes"

**Metro Magazine - top 100 wines for summer (December 2011)**

Impressively aromatic stone fruit and bread crust characters. Great mouthfeel and a smooth-texture. Strongly fruit focused with pear, quince and apricot together with a yeast lees undercurrent. The wine is apparently dry to off/dry in style.

**Bob Campbell, Master of Wine (September 2011)**

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#### **2009 Vintage**

This is not your usual 'pretty' Pinot Gris. This is sophisticated, complex and seductive wine displaying gentle aromas of white peach, pear, baked apple and oatmeal. The palate is concentrated and luscious yet refreshing and crisp with perfectly integrated acidity. A seamless and richly textured wine showing stunning depth of flavour and layers of intriguing flavours.

**Wine Orbit (Score: 93/100, 5 stars. May 2011)**

#### **2008 Vintage**

Prophet's Rock Pinot Gris 2008, Winemaker Paul Pujol has spent a good handful of vintages in Europe (most particularly in Alsace and Burgundy) and the US, and it shows in his richly textured pinot gris. Zesty and pure with perfumed fruit and minerality it is a beautifully complex style that is racy for a pinot gris, delivering great style and substance.

**The Australian Weekend Edition – Wish Magazine (August 2010)**

#### **2007 Vintage**

"Truly impressive concentration with luscious pear, nectarine and peach flavours. There's also spice and savoury influences adding extra complexity. A great texture and lingering finish add to the magic."

**Bob Campbell MW (Score: 93/100, 5 stars. August 2008)**

"Complex, wild-ferment nose, honeyed with yeast/savoury nuances complimenting fruit aromas of apple & pear slices. The medium bodies' palate provides a lovely, silky texture with crisp acidity and notable sweetness to balance. Long minerally finish."

**Erobertparker.com (Score: 91/100. October 2008)**