



Launched in 2004, Locharburn is a Central Otago venture realising the dream of owners Chris and Jenny Hill. The family vineyard is planted on terraces near the top of Lake Dunstan in Cromwell Basin. It bears the name of the stream their vines and home overlook. All Locharburn wines are crafted from grapes grown on this fully sustainable, single vineyard. These characterful wines express the unique microclimate of the Locharburn vineyard, along with the passion and hands-on care that go into their making.

LOCHARBURN CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT GRIS 2012

This Pinot Gris is wonderfully textural without excessive alcohol. Beautiful peaches and pears and a hint of ginger on the nose carry through to ripe stone fruit and fresh mandarin on the palate. Intricately layered, the wine is balanced and elegant and should age gracefully.

VITICULTURE

At Locharburn, we believe careful canopy management is essential for producing high quality fruit. This includes early season shoot thinning, leaf plucking around the fruit zone and careful management of irrigation. Fruit thinning after flowering enable us to achieve desired yields and optimum fruit quality. Harvest is by hand and usually runs from early April to early May.

WINEMAKING

The Pinot Gris grapes were hand harvested on the 17th April with 50% destemmed and pressed at harvest and the remaining 50% left to soak on skins overnight. The juice was fermented in both stainless steel for aromatic freshness and four puncheons for texture. Each component was fermented until optimal balance was achieved and then blended together prior to bottling with the wine in puncheons spending extra time on lees.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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| Clones: | Clones Larcombe and GM 2/15 |
| Vine Age: | 7 & 8 years |
| Soil: | Sandy loam, light, free draining |
| Rainfall: | 220-300 mm per year |
| Elevation: | 260 metres above sea level |
| Harvested: | April 2012 |
| Brix at Harvest: | 24°-25 Brix |
| Residual Sugar: | 6 grams per litre |
| Titrateable Acidity: | 9 grams per litre |
| Alcohol: | 13.5% |
| Bottled: | Aug 2012 |
| Package: | 12 x 750 ml |

