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INTROSPECTION

PYRAMID VALLEY HUTCHINSON ESTATE MARLBOROUGH PINOT BLANC/PINOT GRIS (GROWER'S COLLECTION)

Feng-Shui winemaking produces wine that delivers delight from its earthly frankness, just by opening the bottle.

PYRAMID VALLEY VINEYARDS



CONCEPTUAL DOPPELGÄNGER

The polygraph machine is an archaic device that relies on universal truth and eternal constance. For all that we morph and supposedly evolve, the fact is that we remain steadfastly the same and operate in the same way. So many people look in every direction to find the new and create something interesting, when there is no need than to look directly at the elements involved, without prejudice or ego. The polygraph machine works on this principle as does the Pyramid Valley Pinot Blanc/Pinot Gris - simply pour it for anyone and the truth will be told, whether they like it or not!

WINEMAKER Mike Weersing

REGION Marlborough

GRAPE VARIETY Pinot Blanc & Pinot Gris

SOIL Silt and sand over deep gravel

AGE OF VINES Planted 1998

PRODUCTION 3,000 bottles

VITI/VINI

Tom and Fiona Hutchinson were early champions in Marlborough of the Pinot family of grapevines. They chose exceedingly well when they planted their Rapaura vineyard, which is farmed organically and biodynamically. Hand picked, cool vineyard yeast fermentation, 10 months on original lees in French barrique. Unfined, unfiltered and bottled with minimal sulfur.

PRODUCER

Wine to Mike and Claudia Weersing is a genie, genius loci; our job is to coax it from its rock to

bottle. Every gesture they make, in vineyard and winery, is a summons to this spirit of place. Biodynamics, hand-based viticulture, low yields, natural winemaking - these are some of the means they've adopted better to record and transmit this voice. Each wine is allowed to flower as it wishes. With the Grower's Collection, their ambition is to create a range of wines from sites other than their home vineyard. They are allowed to work with admired colleagues, and with sites, soils, varieties different than those at home. All of their wines are devoted to people and place; all bring rich rewards of community.

