# Heppington Vineyards Pinot Gris 2024




## Region

If you have never tried an English wine before – well now is your opportunity. The vineyards of England are generally located in the warmer southern counties where the milder influences of the gulf stream have an important effect, as our northern hemisphere vineyards need a longer cooler growing season than in Europe to produce top quality grapes. More than 500 vineyards are in production across the UK and bottled annual sales has reached 3 million bottles, with Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Bacchus the most planted varieties.

## Producer

In 1806 Gregory Blaxland, a farmer from Canterbury Kent, emigrated to Australia with his brother John. The journey took 220 days. En route they collected vines from the Cape of Good Hope. In 1813 Gregory, with two other explorers, found a passage across the Blue Mountains, making Australian history. From the vines he planted he became the first person to export wine from Australia to the UK, winning a silver medal for his red wine in London in 1822. In 2016 Gregory's descendant Henry Blaxland, a human rights KC, and his wife Gill, a psychoanalyst, inspired by the pioneering family history planted 6.25 hectares of vines on farm land on the edge of the Kent Downs overlooking Canterbury Cathedral, which has been in the family for generations.

## Tasting Notes

The debut wine of Heppington Vineyard made from Pinot Gris vines which sit on a gentle south facing slope with views over Canterbury Cathedral. A pale gold in colour with notes of orchard fruits and English hedgerow. The palate is fresh with notes of apple, peach and honeysuckle, all complemented by a zesty acidity.

## Food

Perfect served chilled as an aperitif or alongside a fresh vegetable dish such as an asparagus risotto.

## Technical Information

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| **Country** | United Kingdom |
| **Region** | Southern England |
| **Grape(s)** | Pinot Gris (100%) |
| **Type** | White |
| **Style** | Aromatic |
| **Oaked Style** | Unoaked |
| **Body Style** | Light bodied |
| **Sustainable** | No |

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| **Dry/Sweet Style** | Dry | |
| **Alcohol Content** | 11.5% | |
| **Closure Style** | Screw cap | |
| **Organic/Biodynamic** | No | |
| **Allergens** | **Milk:** | No |
| | **Egg:** | No |
| **Vegetarian/Vegan** | **Vegetarian:** | Yes |
| | **Vegan:** | Yes |

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