



**Gem Marlborough Pinot Gris 2006 (\$28-30)**

Early examples of the 2006 vintage in Marlborough indicate a good rather than exceptional year, but this pinot gris, from a new label established by former Matua Valley winemaker Corey Hall and his wife Megan, is a standout. Lush and weighty, in the Alsace tradition, it's richly flavoured (spice, ginger, pear and tropical fruits) yet still lithe and supple. Delicious.