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2020 Vin Gris of Pinot Noir



Vineyard

Bouchaine's 100 acre estate vineyard lies on the southern border of Napa Valley's Carneros district, overlooking the San Francisco bay with the financial district in the distance. Fog, wind, and the cold nighttime temperatures of this unique geographical area lend distinctive regional identity to our wines.

Growing Season

The 2020 growing season will certainly be remembered for years to come. As everyone huddled safely indoors to avoid the pandemic, our grapevines began their growing season by enjoying a dry, warm winter. The beautiful weather continued through Spring and Summer, with excellent ripening conditions allowing for an early harvest.

Vinification

Vin Gris is a French term for a pale pink wine made from Pinot Noir grapes. Our Vin Gris is 95% whole cluster pressed and 5% saignée. We harvested clusters at low sugars and put them directly in a press, just like we would with our Chardonnay. We then fermented the juice in tank to preserve the freshness and aromatics. The saignée portion of the blend was "bled" from tank (saignée is a French term meaning "to bleed") on the second day after crushing Pinot Noir grapes. This concentrates the juice on the skins for our lush Pinot Noir and gives us a bit of light, lively juice to use for our Vin Gris. This wine sees no oak contact, the vivid aromatics are preserved for your sipping pleasure!

Tasting Notes

The nose draws you in with fresh picked strawberry, juicy watermelon and guava, while the palate displays layers of white nectarine, cantaloupe and more melon. This fun and vibrant wine grabs your palate and does not let go. It screams for warm days on the deck and time with friends. Goes with everything from oysters to paté—enjoy!

Appellation
Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard
Estate

Aging
5 months

Harvest Date
August 25, 2020

Bottling Date
March 30, 2021

Maturation
100% stainless steel

PH
3.3

TA
6.2 g/L

RS
0 g/L

Alcohol
13.5%

Production
720 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail
\$29

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