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# BOUCHAINE

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## 2017 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

2017 delivered much needed rains over winter, and beautiful weather during the growing season, resulting in an exceptional harvest. A cool, foggy summer allowed for slow ripening, high acidity, and superb flavor development.

### Vinification

Vin Gris is a French term for a pale pink wine made from Pinot Noir grapes. Our Vin Gris is 85% whole cluster pressed and 15% 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

6 months

### Harvest Date

August 31, 2017

### Bottling Date

February 20, 2018

### Maturation

Fermented in stainless steel tank; 10% malolactic fermentation

### PH

3.32

### TA

6.5 g/L

### RS

0 g/L

### Alcohol

13.4%

### Production

800 cases (750ml)

### Suggested Retail

\$29

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