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2021 Pinot Gris, Estate Selection



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 night time temperatures of this unique geographical area lend a distinctive regional identity to our Pinot Gris.

Growing Season

The 2021 growing season will be remembered as a winemaker's vintage. Not too cold, not too hot, not too wet, and no frost. However, we were in the grips of a multiyear drought. While we enjoy dry farming when we have average rainfall, in vintages where the rainfall is half of average (like 2021) we do irrigate to allow for ideal shoot growth and ripening. Bouchaine is lucky to have a huge reservoir so we were able to irrigate early in the season to get our vine canopies full. Drought conditions do have some positives when it comes to winemaking as they bring us smaller berries with beautifully concentrated flavors at harvest. We also lucked out with consistent weather throughout the summer giving us ideal ripening at an even pace. A little sun, a bit of water, and a lot of hard work in the vineyard allowed us to bring in a killer 2021 vintage!

Vinification

Grapes are hand-harvested at night before whole clusters are lightly pressed to extract juice. This wine is fermented mostly in stainless tank at low temperature to maintain fresh aromatics but also sees a small amount of neutral oak barrels, stirred monthly, for added depth and complexity.

Tasting Notes

We've all seen enough superhero movies to know what a mutant is. DNA getting zapped in just the right way to make something amazing. That makes Pinot Gris a superhero of wines since it is a mutation of Pinot Noir. However, when you drink Pinot Gris, you won't have to worry about alien invasions and imminent threats. All you have to worry about is whether there's enough to share. Pairs best with pork chops and X-Men movies.

Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Estate Block 12

Aging

7 months

Harvest Date

August 27, 2021

Bottling Date

May 4, 2022

Maturation

30% neutral oak,
70% stainless steel

PH

3.3

TA

6.7 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.2%

Production

225 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$36

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