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2023 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 2023 growing season was a lesson in patience. The winery was set and ready to go at the end of August, when we typically begin harvest, but Mother Nature hit the brakes and forced us to relax until the end of September when our grapes were finally ready to pick. Conditions over spring and summer were beautiful in the vineyard but the typical heat we experience over Labor Day eluded us, leading to slower ripening on the vine. We all know "patience is a virtue" though, and our efforts were eventually rewarded with some phenomenal grapes that had been given a bit more time to develop. That extra time, coupled with the bountiful Carneros sunshine during the fall, helped produce wines of vibrant flavor and excellent texture. Patience may not always be our strongpoint since we're always excited to share our wines with you, but in the end it was well worth the wait.

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. The wine sees no oak contact, preserving the vivid aromatics for your sipping pleasure!

Tasting Notes

This fun and vibrant wine grabs your palate and does not let go. 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. It screams for warm days on the deck and time with friends. Goes with everything from oysters to grilled seafood to warm Saturday afternoons—enjoy!

Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Estate

Aging

6 months

Harvest Date

October 6, 2023

Bottling Date

March 12, 2024

Maturation

100% stainless steel

PH

3.28

TA

6.0 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

13.5%

Production

1,500 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$34

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