



2018 PINOT GRIGIO

CALIFORNIA

GROW

Following a long growing season characterized by moderate temperatures throughout the spring and summer, California's 2018 harvest played out like a dream. The harvest began about two weeks later than in previous years but was more in line with normal timing in the years before the drought. The vintage shows exceptional quality, thanks to consistent growing conditions and cooler temperatures, which allowed the grapes to mature slowly.

Our Pinot Grigio vineyards span four growing regions from the incomparable Dry Creek Valley to Solano, San Joaquin and Mendocino counties. Each of these regions contributes a distinctive and valuable array of aromas and flavors to the final blend. Each vineyard parcel is harvested and fermented separately by region to maximize the potential and liberate the varietal nuance that we and our grower partners strive to cultivate. The component wines are blended soon after the completion of fermentation so that they have an opportunity to properly marry before bottling.

MAKE

Pinot Grigio is a white wine produced from a purple-skinned grape. Like a blanc de noirs sparkling wine, we are careful to handle the fruit as little as possible to avoid releasing color from the skins. This is achieved through early morning harvesting (while the fruit is still cool) and gentle pressing of the grapes which are then fermented in 100% stainless steel. Our inspiration for this wine is the Alsatian style – the crisp, delicate white wines of northeastern France. In this spirit we incorporate a small component of Gewürztraminer to complement the aromatics and add dimension and complexity to the palate.

TASTE

The 2018 Pinot Grigio is pale straw in color with aromas of green apple and lemon-lime that precede a palate of rich stone fruits of white nectarine and peach with floral and spice notes and a crisp acidic finish. Pairs well with smoked salmon, spaghetti Carbonara, lemon chicken piccata, and a wide range of cheeses including Gruyère and mozzarella.

APPELLATION:

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VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

85% Pinot Grigio
15% Gewürztraminer

ALCOHOL	13%
TA	6.4 g/L
pH	3.28
R.S.	3.2 g/L