
2008 Pinot Grigio

Our family has grown grapes in Sonoma County since 1895 and, in Russian River Valley, since 1961. A decade ago, we began an aggressive move toward producing all estate wines which included an extensive vineyard-replanting program. Pinot Grigio is part of that plan to grow intriguing varieties in the best and most appropriate sites. Noted for its unusual grayish/pink clusters and shared lineage with Pinot Noir, Pinot Grigio is well suited to the cooler climate of the Russian River Valley.



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| Vineyard Location | Estate vineyards in Russian River and Dry Creek Valleys |
| Vintage | Mother Nature challenged us in 2008 with a second year of drought, a freeze at bloom and high winds during set that literally blew some of the crop off the vines. Prior to harvest, ten consecutive days over 100° followed by a dry lightning storm set much of California ablaze and had grape growers on edge. Our yields were down by 30% but we were relieved when they arrived to the crusher unscathed! |
| Vineyard Regime | Our crews were in the vineyards often, removing fruit from weak shoots, repeatedly leafing the canopy and, finally, veraison thinning to ensure evenly ripened fruit. |
| Hand-Harvested | August 27 and September 1, 2008 |
| Average Brix at Harvest | 22.9° |
| Fermentation Regime | 100% stainless steel fermentation, left sur lees in tank until bottling to add richness and textural complexity while maintaining pure, bright varietal essences |
| Food Affinities | Asian cuisine, shellfish, white meats, Gruyere-style cheese, prosciutto wrapped melon and - our chef's favorite - grilled pork chops with rosemary, lemon zest and black pepper. |

Alcohol – 14.1%

Release Date – April 2009

Winemaker Notes

- 🍷 Bright, clean and captivating
- 🍷 Aromas and flavors of ripe apples and quince
- 🍷 Very slight tropical fruit character
- 🍷 Citrus-y, refined, lively
- 🍷 Good weight of fruit and mouthfeel
- 🍷 Lingering apple, tropical impression

–Ted Seghesio