

VIN GRIS

2021 | YAKIMA VALLEY



100% Pinot Gris
Tudor Vineyard

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.38

Titrateable Acidity: 6.5 g/liter

Residual Sugar: <0.01 g/liter

Volatile Acidity: 0.09 g/liter

Alcohol: 12.7%

188 cases produced



Harvest and Winemaking

2021 was one of the warmest growing seasons ever. Accumulated heat units were at a near all-time high and were punctuated by a late June heat dome in the Northwest. Fortunately, Washington and Oregon avoided significant forest fire smoke events. The fall was typical for the Northwest; bright sunshine, warm days and cool nights, with a few rain showers. In all 2021 is a fabulous vintage.

The Tudor Vineyard Pinot Gris was hand-harvested on September 1st. The grapes were destemmed, dumped into a variable capacity tank, and cold soaked for five days; then pressed and fermented for five weeks in French Acacia puncheons. The malo-lactic fermentation was prevented to retain acidity and freshness. The Pinot Gris was aged on the fine lees for four months, then filtered and bottled on March 5, 2022.

Tasting Notes

The Vin Gris has a salmon-orange hue with aromas of Anjou pear, yellow peach, crisp yellow apple, and hint of baking spice and toasted marshmallow. Flavors mirror the aromas of golden delicious apple, pear, and Acacia

notes of baking spices and toasted marshmallow. The acidity carries the yellow fruit flavors towards a long finish.

Thoughts on Pinot Gris and Vin Gris

All the Pinots of the world (Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, and Pinot Meunier) have the same DNA but are different due to mutation. Pinot Gris is a light grayish-purple colored Pinot. Think of it was Pinot Noir with less color. Direct pressing of Pinot Gris grapes gives a light colored white wine. Allow the juice to soak on the skins for a few days and the juice becomes pink and the wine becomes a Vin Gris. The Italian's call pink Pinot Gris "Ramato". By my definition, the Vin Gris is not a Rosé. Rosé is a pink wine made from red grapes. Vin Gris is a pink wine made from white grapes. However if you think a Vin Gris is a Rosé, that is good with us.

Ingredients & Additions

Pinot Gris grapes, yeast, Acacia wood, organic and inorganic yeast nutrients, tartaric acid, 25 ppm of Free SO₂ at time of bottling and ascorbic acid to prevent oxidation, and bentonite clay for clarity and stability.



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