

Vin Gris

2020 | YAKIMA VALLEY



100% Pinot Gris
Tudor Vineyard

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.48

Titrateable Acidity: 5.8 g/liter

Residual Sugar: 0.12 g/liter

Volatile Acidity: 0.2 g/liter

Alcohol: 13.5%

115 cases produced



Harvest and Winemaking

2020 may go down as one of the best vintages of recent years. The spring was perfect as the vines had plenty of water in the soil and the summer was quite warm and dry which decreased berry size and concentrated flavors. The fall was nearly perfect except for the 10 days of smoke that hung over the Western US during the middle of September. The forest fires in N. California and Oregon may have lingering effects over certain wines from this vintage.

The Pinot Gris from Tudor Vineyard was hand-harvested on September 4. The grapes were destemmed and cold soaked for 72 hours prior to pressing. The juice was fermented in used French Acacia Puncheons to complete dryness. We allowed the wine to rest on the lees for four months prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

The Vin Gris has a lovely pale peach/salmon/copper hue with aromas of white flower, bosc pear, hints of vanilla and toasted marshmallow. The Vin Gris has flavors of golden delicious apples, bosc pears, graphite, and a hint of tannin tension on the long finish. The wine is well balanced between the acidity, tension from the Acacia puncheons and the fruit flavors. The Vin Gris rides the edge

between Rosé and Orange wine and is our favorite one we have produced so far.

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, oak from neutral French oak barrels, organic nutrients, tartaric acid, 25 mg/l of free SO2 and 50 mg/l of ascorbic acid to prevent oxidation, and bentonite clay for clarity and stability.

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