

PALMINA

TASTING NOTES



2013 PINOT GRIGIO, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Firm, focused wine with a beautifully dry finish

Pinot Grigio is one of the wine-loving world's most popular wines, and perhaps its attractiveness is due to its versatility. This gregarious wine loves good food and good conversation and can hold its own as a delightful aperitif, a component to a meal or simply that well deserved glass of wine after a long day.

But to fully express its true varietal characteristic, Pinot Grigio must be grown in the right place, with a cool climate and superb farming. Otherwise, the wine is Pinot Grigio in name only. Santa Barbara County is one of those picture-perfect places for Pinot Grigio, which after all, is a closely related cousin to the finicky and particular Pinot Noir for which the County is quite famous.

2860 cases produced

THE CRAFT

A skilled touch is necessary to coax the full crisp essence from this rosy-colored grape. Each vineyard's grapes are harvested by hand early in the morning, then brought to the winery where they are whole-cluster pressed. As the pink skins spend little time in contact with the juice, the color is not transported to the resulting wines. Each lot was slowly fermented in its own stainless steel tank and Malolactic fermentation was inhibited to allow the characteristic of the grape and each vineyard to fully express itself. Our 2013 Pinot Grigio is a true representation of the best of Santa Barbara County: A blend of grapes from vineyards throughout the county, including Honea, Sierra Madre, Runway, Acin & Hibbits Ranch.

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Pale, pale gold in color, 2013 Pinot Grigio is crystal clear and brilliant in nature. A bouquet of citrus peel, wild arugula and honeysuckle tease the senses. A sip astonishes with crisp and refreshing acidity delivering white peach, Bosc pear and Fuyu persimmon flavors, all mingling with a stony, flinty character. Beautifully balanced, the wine lingers on the palate with nuances of nectarine and almond.

DRINKING WINDOW

Our 2013 Pinot Grigio is the perfect picnic wine, ready to drink upon release and displays a refreshing richness that belies its low alcohol of 12.5%.

