



2023 PINOT GRIGIO

TASTING NOTES

If you were expecting a light, typical Grigio, hold onto your blouse, because this is not that. Your good friend PG would seem to have gone on a semester abroad to an exotic foreign land and come back with all sorts of new style! From her exotic lychee blossom perfume to her tropical citrus-inspired flavors, this is one big, bold, confident Pinot Grigio that will knock your socks off.

Fruity/dry, full body, medium acid, tropical/citrus flavors (unusual for PG).

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Pinot Grigio is one of the original white wines in our lineup; we've been it making since our first vintage in 2003. The style has changed dramatically, though, from those first vintages using Oregon fruit to the current Columbia Valley supply. We've created a uniquely Washington style of Pinot Grigio by harvesting on the early side to preserve freshness and crispness, which gives this wine bright, citrusy, refreshing fruit flavors. Enjoy!

Composition

100% Pinot Grigio

Vineyard

Sugarloaf Vineyard

Appellation

Yakima Valley

Harvest Date

August 26, 2023

Harvest specs

20.8 brix, pH 3.66, TA 6.8 g/l

Crush Pad

Whole cluster press

Yeast

Allegro AL-48

Fermentation

Tank

Malolactic Fermentation

None

Aging

5 months

Oak

None

Fining/Filtration

Bentonite; Cross-flow filtration

Alcohol

13.7%

Production

272 cases

Bottled

February 6, 2024



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PAIRINGS

Drink Me, Wonderland style, with... anything really. But, for inspiration, try a snap pea salad, taquitos, pasta primavera, or potato chips... any flavor. Light flavors, chicken, turkey, white fish and shellfish; semi-soft to firm cheeses like Camembert, Gruyere, Muenster, fresh vegetables and fruits. Great for a deli plate. Also sushi!

VINTAGE DETAILS

The 2023 vintage got off to a late, cool start, but then raced ahead with warm temperatures, making up ground throughout the growing season and even tracking slightly ahead of average by mid-July. A brief heat spike in August caused issues in some varieties but didn't slow down the speeding train of ripening. Harvest started off with a fury, bringing home one variety after another day after day. Yields were widely variable, and things were changing so quickly that yield forecasts sometimes turned out to be significantly higher or lower than expected when the grapes were harvested. This means that we got more of some varieties than expected, and less of others. The good news is that the quality was very good in nearly everything, so we are expecting some great wines from the vintage.

GRAPE VARIETY INFO

Widely planted around the world and thriving in cooler climates, Pinot Grigio is made in a wide range of styles, from light refreshing Italian Grigios to more-colored rosé versions to skin-fermented orange wines.

FUN FACTS

Pinot Grigio and Pinot Gris are the same grape variety: grigio is the Italian word for gray, gris is the French. Both refer to the color of the grapes, which is only slightly less dark than Pinot Noir (noir = black, of course). There are traditional styles associated with those wines made in those countries, but there is no consistent correlation between style and name when the wine is made in other countries. Also – this is the best-known example of what's known as a vin gris: a white wine made from a dark-skinned grape, such as our own white Mourvedre.

AWARDS

Silver, Washington State Wine Awards



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