

## 2017 VIN GRIS Rose of Pinot Noir

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Vin Gris is a generic French term for any white wine made from a red grape. Traditionally, the grape used is Pinot Noir with which a white or blush wine is produced. The process is pretty straightforward. The Pinot grapes are crushed and the juice is bled off the skins almost immediately, just picking up enough color to produce a wine with a light, salmon hue and delicate flavors and aromas of flowers and red fruit.

These grapes were picked for Rosé unlike many California pinks. The grapes were harvested at a considerably lower sugar than you'd expect for the variety, and consequently, the color will be lighter and the acids will be higher. And most importantly, the resulting alcohol will be much lower: around 12.3% to be exact. Rosés are all about quaffing rather than sipping. Ok, maybe in my world. But they should at least be yummy and pair perfectly with either a spring salad and a hot summer day by the pool.

We opted to shoot for a Côtes de Provence style with a light, salmon color and delicate aromas and flavors. Pretty notes of strawberry, pomegranate, and marzipan on the nose. Red fruit compote suspended by a bright thread of acidity that carry the flavors well into the finish. There is a bit of richness to this wine that should give it more staying power when pairing with bigger dishes. I've recently discovered a wheatberry and arugula salad dish that's topped with goat cheese and dried cranberries that screams for this wine. You should too. Maybe into a pillow though as you don't want to have the cops knocking on your door...

-Adam

APPELLATION: SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Cases Produced: 72

Alcohol: 12.6% рН: 3.29 ТА: 0.70

Cooperage: 100% Neutral Oak

Bottling date: 04/10/2018

Suggested Retail: \$20

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