



## 2018 VIN GRIS ROSE OF PINOT NOIR

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.

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.

2018 can certainly be considered one if not THE best vintage in terms of quality in recent history. A hot three weeks, which shut the grapes down, followed by several months of cooler than normal temperatures allowed for extra long hang time, a month at least, which led to greater flavor development. The result is a high acid, good color, and flavorful Rose unlike many we've seen in the past. Extended lees aging provides a pretty rich mouthfeel. It's perfect for summer quaffing by the pool or even over a bowl of Fruit Loops.

We opted to shoot for a Côtes de Provence style with a light, salmon color and delicate aromas and slightly bigger flavors. Pretty notes of strawberry, cherry, and marshmallow on the nose. A rush of red fruits highlighted by a sturdy seam 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'm a fan of mixed green salads with grains and dried fruits. A raspberry vinaigrette and you've got a pretty bitchin' pairing.

-ADAM

APPELLATION:  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

VARIETAL:  
100% PINOT NOIR

CASES PRODUCED:  
103

ALCOHOL: 12.6%  
pH: 3.25  
TA: 0.80

COOPERAGE:  
100% STAINLESS

BOTTLING DATE:  
04/03/19

SUGGESTED RETAIL:  
\$24

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