



2009 J Pinot Gris California



The Vineyard

The 2009 J “California” Pinot Gris is a wonderful blend of 100% Pinot Gris fruit from Preston Vineyard and Saralee’s Slusser Road vineyards in the Russian River Valley. Also making up the blend are grapes from several vineyards located along the Salinas River near King City in Monterey County, as well as vineyards in the Sacramento River Delta area of Clarksburg.

Winemaking

Whole grape clusters were hand-harvested, and then pressed gently to minimize the extraction of harsh components from the skins and seeds. The wine from each appellation is broken into multiple lots and exposed to a variety of yeasts. The wine is fermented and cooled slowly in stainless steel tanks at 55 degrees to preserve the integrity of the fruit. There is no malolactic fermentation using this process.

Aging

After fermentation the lots are aged separately in stainless steel tanks. Once the wine has naturally settled and clarified, it is blended together. This allows the development of a range of aromatic and flavor components that ultimately meld to create a layered, complex wine.

Tasting Notes

The 2009 J “California” Pinot Gris has an enticing bouquet of tangerine and orange blossom. The crisp entry and velvety mouthfeel bursts into flavors of Margarita lime and Tahitian vanilla. There is a hint of honey on the palate that complements the fruit and acid nicely. The lingering finish invites you to relax and enjoy another taste. In fact, it is the perfect solo sipper after a hard day at the office, or while lounging under a tree on a summer afternoon. This layered and well-balanced wine is a great accompaniment to a variety of foods, from spicy Asian and Mexican cuisine to a good old-fashioned turkey dinner or holiday ham. We suggest incorporating our Pinot Gris in the ham glazing.

Winemaker	George Bursick
Appellation	Clarksburg (50%); Russian River Valley (43%); Monterey (7%)
Harvest Date	September 4 – September 29, 2009
Bottling Date	March 2010
Release Date	June 2010
Wine Alcohol	14.3% by volume
Wine Acid	6.0 grams per liter
Wine pH	3.46
Production	20,000 cases