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# BOUCHAINE

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## 2022 Vin Gris of Pinot Noir



### Vineyard

Bouchaine's 100-acre estate vineyard lies on the southern border of Napa Valley's Carneros district, overlooking the San Francisco bay with the financial district in the distance. Fog, wind, and the cold nighttime temperatures of this unique geographical area lend distinctive regional identity to our wines.

### Growing Season

The growing season of 2022 will ultimately be defined by the 5-day heat wave we experienced in early September. Thankfully, our crop was ready to be harvested. The heat condensed the time frame of harvest and the winery filled up quickly. Prior to the heat, the growing season in Carneros was highlighted only by its cool breezes and morning fog. With all of these factors combined, Bouchaine was able to capture the fresh acidity we know and love, while also extracting velvety structure and depth of flavor in the wines.

### Vinification

Vin Gris is a French term for a pale pink wine made from Pinot Noir grapes. Our Vin Gris is 85% whole cluster pressed and 15% saignée. We harvested clusters at low sugars and put them directly in a press, just like we would with our Chardonnay. We then fermented the juice in tank to preserve the freshness and aromatics. The saignée portion of the blend was "bled" from tank (saignée is a French term meaning "to bleed") on the second day after crushing Pinot Noir grapes. This concentrates the juice on the skins for our lush Pinot Noir and gives us a bit of light, lively juice to use for our Vin Gris. The wine sees no oak contact, preserving the vivid aromatics for your sipping pleasure!

### Tasting Notes

This fun and vibrant wine grabs your palate and does not let go. The nose draws you in with fresh picked strawberry, juicy watermelon and guava, while the palate displays layers of white nectarine, cantaloupe and more melon. It screams for warm days on the deck and time with friends. Goes with everything from oysters to grilled seafood to warm Saturday afternoons—enjoy!

### Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

### Vineyard

Estate

### Aging

6 months

### Harvest Date

September 2, 2022

### Bottling Date

April 11, 2023

### Maturation

100% stainless steel

### PH

3.39

### TA

5.8 g/L

### RS

0 g/L

### Alcohol

13.5%

### Production

1,500 cases (750ml)

### Suggested Retail

\$29

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