



## **2014 Pinot Gris Sierra Madre Vineyard Santa Maria Valley**

Pinot Gris is a finicky grape, bluish-purple in skin color and desiring a cool but sunny growing locale. It produces wines that range in color from coral to pink to a pale straw. It can be made in an Italian Pinot Grigio style that is light, refreshing and fruity or an Alsatian style that is more austere and complex. It is a cousin to Pinot Noir and at Flying Goat this interesting and versatile grape is coaxed into a crisp and delightful white wine.

Block 204 in the famed Sierra Madre Vineyard lies at the northwestern portion of the property, with just 11.97 acres of Pinot Gris grapes nestled in the 91 acre vineyard. Originally planted in 1971, and replanted with a combination of site specific rootstocks and clones in 1986, Sierra Madre is known as one of the exemplary vineyards in the Central Coast. Flying Goat is fortunate to be among a handful of wineries sourcing from Sierra Madre, whose location just 15 miles from the Pacific Ocean provides a superb cool-climate site for Pinot Gris.

### **Tasting Notes**

This ray of sunshine in a glass has bright acidity and shows Alsatian-style qualities due to the overnight skin contact. Richer flavor with intense aromatics complement the lovely minerality on the finish of our Pinot Gris. Enjoy plush cantaloupe across your palate and the luscious honeysuckle nose. Pinot Gris Clone 152; 276 cases produced.

### **Details**

Harvested:	August 30, 2014	Alcohol:	13.9 % by Volume
Bottled:	April 1, 2015	pH:	3.38
Released:	May 1, 2015	TA:	.58g/100ml
Production:	276 cases	Clone:	152
Retail Price:	\$22	Brix:	23.4