

NOBLE VINES

COLLECTION

152

2017 PINOT GRIGIO

For centuries, vintners have singled out individual vines that produce exceptional grapes. A select few have stood the test of time and have been granted numbers to distinguish them. Noble Vines.

BEHIND THE NUMBERS

A natural offshoot of the Pinot Noir grape, Pinot Grigio's noble roots date back to the Middle Ages in Burgundy. Also known as Pinot Gris, Pinot Grigio clone selection 152 originated in Alsace, France, thanks to Army General Lazare de Schwendi, who legendarily picked up vine cuttings in Tokay, Hungary before returning home to Alsace after a victorious battle. Pinot Grigio from Alsace boasts distinct tropical fruit character and pronounced floral aromas and is known for its weight and long finish. The Alsace region has similar growing conditions to the cool vineyards and rich volcanic soils of our San Bernabe vineyard in Monterey, California, where clone 152 thrives.

WINEMAKING

Noble Vines 152 Pinot Grigio was harvested in the cool, early morning hours before being delivered immediately to our winery. At the winery, the grapes are pressed upon arrival and the juice is cold settled before racking the clean juice into stainless steel fermenters. After being transferred to fermenters, the juice was gradually warmed up to proper fermentation temperatures and inoculated with selected yeast to enhance the rich fruit characteristics. Noble Vines 152 Pinot Grigio is fermented and aged in stainless steel to retain the grapes' natural acidity and delicate aromas and flavors.

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 vintage exhibits bright aromas of freshly-squeezed citrus, green apple, pear and orange blossom. Medium-bodied with a round mid-palate and crisp acidity, this refreshing Pinot Grigio offers distinguished flavors of lemon curd, white peach, ripe cantaloupe and a touch of minerality on the palate, before extending into a lingering finish. Serve chilled with fresh salads, light pasta dishes, seafood or chicken.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation **Monterey**
 Alcohol **13.5%**
 Total Acid **0.54g/100ml**
 Final pH **3.28**



Vine Selection 152

Vine Origin
Alsace, France

Home Vineyard
**San Bernabe Vineyard,
 Monterey**