



CASTORO CELLARS

OAKENSHIELD 2021 PINOT GRIGIO WHALE ROCK VINEYARD



This Pinot Grigio is from our organically certified Estate Whale Rock Vineyard in the Templeton Gap of Paso Robles. It's always one of the first grapes picked in this vineyard and gives us a glimpse of the harvest to come. This Pinot Grigio is fruity and round, but finishes crisp like the Italian version. The Oakenshield wines are a special bottling by Niels and Bimmer produced to celebrate the spirit of the good life and to honor friends and family both past and present.

- NIELS & BIMMER UDSEN, Founders

HARVEST NOTES:

After 40 harvests one would think all possibilities would have been exhausted and there would be repeat scenarios. I may have to do another 40 to see that happen! Vintage 2022 started with enormous potential for an average yield but with superior quality. The spring was warm, bloom and set saw no bad weather and the summer began perfectly. Our cluster counts were good, and the weather portended for an early harvest. But...there is always a but, just as the berries were sizing up a tremendous heat wave settled in over California and the vines struggled; the berries stayed small, and the yields shrunk. Harvest was still early. The resulting wines though are looking amazing with deep color and wonderful ripe fruit flavors. Our grapes stood up to Mother Nature to bring you bright whites with tons of flavor and reds of uncompromising complexity.

WINEMAKER NOTES:

The Pinot Grigio was harvested at a level of ripeness that kept it below 14%, a lower degree of ripeness that avoids hotness yet allows full flavor and aroma development. Slow, cool fermentation in stainless steel tank using a yeast selected for aroma production is employed. Oak aging would be counterproductive to the desired style and was not used. The skins of this variety have pigment which is why the name translates to Pinot Grey.

- Tom Myers, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES:

APPEARANCE: Light Straw

AROMA: Melon, Citrus, honeysuckle, slight grassy note

PALATE: Agave, green apple, melon lemon bar, bright, fresh finish

TECHNICAL NOTES:

VARIETAL: 93% Pinot Grigio & 7% Falanghina

VINEYARD SOURCES: Whale Rock Vineyard

AVA: Paso Robles

HARVEST DATE: September 7, 2022

BOTTLING DATE: April 14, 2023

HARVEST SUGAR: 24.3° brix

OAK: N/A

OAK AGE: N/A

ALCOHOL: 13.7%

TA: 0.61 g. 100ml

pH: 2.85

