

ROBERT SINSEY VINEYARDS

Vin Gris of Pinot Noir

LOS CARNEROS, 2011



- 100% RSV Grown Carneros Pinot Noir
- Organic - CCOF Certified Vineyards
- Biodynamic - Demeter Certified Vineyards
- Whole-cluster pressed, never saignée
- Free Run - No skin, seed or stem contact during fermentation
- Pure - Never blended for color
- Produced in small batches since 1991
- Limited production, yields determine quantity

TA: 7.0 g/l pH: 3.57 Alc: 13.8%

"Perhaps the nearest I come to gluttony is with wine. As often as possible, when a really beautiful bottle is before me, I drink all I can of it, even when I know I have had more than I want physically. That is gluttonous. But I think to myself, when again will I have this taste upon my tongue? Where else in the world is there just such wine as this, with just this bouquet... And when again will I be alive to it as I am this very minute..."

~ MFK Fisher

THE HEARTBREAK PINK

Twice the work for half as much...

2011 was the kind of year that makes you wonder why you're in the wine business... but then, you pour a glass and the answer is right in front of you.

We wanted to make more Vin Gris of Pinot Noir this past year, but Mother Nature had her own plans. Spring rains came right when the Pinot Noir was flowering, leaving some vine rows with so little fruit that, later in the season, you had to look twice to find any grapes. All the early rain meant lots of extra canopy growth with extra handwork. Leaf pulling became an art, encouraging air circulation without exposing the delicate grapes to potential sunburn later in the season. Then there was the vigorous cover

crop. Even our gluttonous sheep couldn't keep up with it, requiring us to mow again and again. Yup, we could have sprayed herbicides to save a buck or two, but then we wouldn't be able to look ourselves in the mirror.

"...the usual should be made unusual; extraordinariness should cloak the ordinary."

~ MFK Fisher

Oh, but there is a pink lining...

We made some pretty delicious rosé this year, especially if you prefer the more European style with bright, mouthwatering acidity, crisp berry fruit and a wonderful minerality rarely seen in a New World pink wine.

Old World Grace

The Vin Gris of Pinot Noir reflects Old World grace. It is pure, bright and perfect with a multitude of foods. Since it doesn't have the interfering tannins of a red wine, it can stand up to grilled and roasted meats, seafood and interesting vegetables such as eggplant and peppers... vegetables that you could hardly call wine friendly! Rosé is about versatility - and that is why it is loved by so many. RSV Vin Gris is a unique wine that says, *"drink now, drink with food, drink with your favorite people."*

~ Maria Helm Sinskey, Chief Cook & Bottle Washer

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