

# Monte Volpe

## 2020 PINOT GRIGIO POTTER VALLEY - MENDOCINO COUNTY

### Background

Pinot Grigio has quickly become one of the most popular white grape varieties in the world. This rust-gray tinted skinned grape, enjoyed for centuries, is said to be a mutation of the Pinot Noir grape. However, it seems unsure whether it is a red or white wine grape, hence, grigio, meaning gray. Monte Volpe is the oldest producer of Pinot Grigio in California.

### Vineyards

The Pinot Grigio grapes come from our Nube Bianco Vineyard. This vineyard is located on the eastern side of Potter Valley on a slight bench above the Russian River, about a quarter of the way into the valley. This eastern fork, along with its western fork that runs through Redwood Valley, represents the headwaters of the legendary Russian River. Here the river is at its best and purest form. Altitudes in these two valleys run between 1200ft to 800 ft. elevation.

### Winemaking

We harvested the grapes at an average 22.5 degrees brix on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The grapes were crushed, pressed, cold settled and then racked into 4 to 5 year old French Burgundy oak barrels. All of the lots were 100% barrel-fermented and “sur-lie” aged for 7 months without malolactic fermentation.

### Winemaker Comments

This blend has produced a rich, floral wine with aromas of tropical fruits, cantaloupe melon, and multi-colored Jonathan apple with a hint of wet stone. A lively mouthful of spicy apple and stony minerality is balanced by crisp acidity throughout the finish.

### Winemaking Data

#### Harvest

Date: September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### Fermentation & Aging

Fermentation: 10 days in barrels  
Aging: 7 months in French Burgundy barrels  
ML: 5-10%

#### Wine

Blend: 100% Pinot Grigio  
Alcohol: 13.3%  
Total Acidity: 7.3 g/L  
pH: 3.35  
Residual Sugar: 0.3% (dry)



### Food Pairing:

Excellent as an aperitivo or serve with seared scallops with Beurre blanc sauce, grilled swordfish or chicken piccata.

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