



BALLETTO®

2016 PINOT GRIS

Russian River Valley

Estate Grown • Estate Bottled



Texture and persistence define this Pinot Gris. It's focused with bright fruit and crisp acidity yet still maintains a powerful weight and presence throughout.

Aromatically, the wine opens with stone fruit and citrus surrounded with savory elements. The mouthfeel is a contrast of zingy lime, perfect viscosity and subtle tannins that add texture and extend the wine for an incredible and lengthy finish, both in terms of texture and flavor.

The grapes are grown on a magnificent eight acre vineyard located about 10 miles from the cooling influence of the Pacific Ocean. This Sebastopol Hills vineyard, planted exclusively to Pinot Gris, slopes toward the south and allows for excellent exposure and produces distinct and precise Pinot Gris.

Balletto Vineyards makes all of its wine from sustainably farmed estate vineyards located throughout the cool southern third of the Russian River Valley. It is one of the few Russian River wineries to be 100 percent estate grown and estate bottled, and specializes in vineyard designated Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, which are consistently elegant, balanced and delicious.

Pinot Gris Winemaking Philosophy: Pinot Gris is the close cousin to the famed Pinot Noir, with only small mutations to make bronze-colored grapes as opposed to black (noir). With this in mind, it's obvious why site selection is key to producing distinct Pinot Gris. Balletto Vineyards has planted their Gris in one of the most prime Pinot Noir locations in Sonoma County, the hills southwest of Sebastopol. To showcase this site, there is minimal winemaking intervention. The grapes are picked early, whole cluster pressed and fermented in neutral oak for texture and length. The final blend captures the site and the palate. This is world class Pinot Gris.

Technical Information

Alcohol: 13.7%

pH: 3.14

TA: 7.9 g/L

Fermentation: 100% neutral oak.

Case Production: 2,400 cases