

Appellation:
MONTEREY COUNTY

Vineyard:
HILLTOP RANCH

Blend:
100% PINOT GRIS

Aging:
10 MONTHS IN FRENCH
OAK BARRELS

Alcohol
14.7%

Bottled
AUGUST 12, 2011

Production
70 CASES

Winemaker
ANNETTE HOFF DANZER

Suggested Retail Price
\$ 25

Release Date:
MARCH 1, 2013

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2010 Hilltop Ranch
Pinot Gris
Limited Bottling, Limited Availability

This small bottling of Pinot Gris is from our Estate vineyard 700 feet above sea level and 14 miles from the ocean in Carmel Valley. There is less than ¼ of an acre planted to Pinot Gris on the property and it is planted on soil is known locally as “chalk rock” which is a mineral-rich chalky-looking shale. This soil reluctantly surrenders its nutrients, making the vines struggle, thus producing a flavorful, interesting wine. This vineyard is managed sustainably in the Carmel River watershed and is located only a few hundred feet from the lower Carmel Valley AVA. The grapes were carefully harvested by hand then whole-cluster pressed, barrel fermented and *sur lies* aged for 10 months in French Oak.

We are happy to present this lovely, fragrant and balanced wine. It has yeasty, spicy and slight honeysuckle and aromas. On the palate it is bright, light and spicy with a touch of toasty hazelnut, French oak and vanilla.

Enjoy this wine by the glass on its own or paired with hazelnut-crusted halibut, crab cakes or gruyere soufflé.