



CHARLES CREEK

VINEYARD

2009

Pinot Grigio
Mendocino County

Winemaker: Kerry G. Damskey

Production: 580 cases

Date of Bottling: October 14, 2010

Appellation: 100% Mendocino County

The Vintage: A long, near-perfect growing season with mild to warm temperatures and very few heat-spikes resulted in a textbook 2009 vintage—at least for the early ripening varieties (such as our Chardonnays and Pinot Gris). The cool temperatures of this Mendocino County vineyard ensured bright, lively acidity and well developed fruit flavors.

The Blend: 100% Pinot Gris

The Wine: Grown in the mild climate of Mendocino County, west of Anderson Valley, this bright, richly fruited Pinot Gris (Grigio) surprises with its fleshy texture while it engages with somewhat tropical aromas and flavors of apricot, fuji apple and pear.

While lively and refreshing as an aperitif this appealing white is also substantial enough to serve in Chardonnay's stead at the dinner table.

Serve with: A variety of lighter dishes (especially in the fowl family) would pair well with this juicy, fruit-filled wine; we test drove it with chicken-mango sausage and caramelized onions. Delightful!

The Stats: Alc: 14.5%
TA: .78 mg/100 ml
pH: 3.1
RS: 0.4%