



2007 PINOT GRIS
“NAUGHTY LITTLE HILLSIDES”

Estate Grown – Santa Rita Hills

Winemaker's Notes:

This wine is completely different from our other Estate bottling of Pinot Gris. Our other wine comes from vigorous vines that grow in deeper soils and are *capable* of supporting more grapes, even though they sheepishly don't. The kinds of compounds that make for a slender, fruity wine are in those grapes in abundance. Contrasting this are the scrawny vines that eek out a living on a couple of cantankerous little hillsides here on the ranch. From this shallow, windy terrain they produce a wine that is a reflection of a much less cozy environment. What they yield is much creamier and more complex.

It is interesting that we always start off with less acidity (less tartness) in the juice of our Pinot Gris than we do in our Chardonnay. Thus, we end up with less of it in the finished wine. This year's Naughty Little Hillside is no exception. I think it's okay if not all of our white wines drink like cool climate Chardonnay. This wine is more like foie gras; it's more about the fat.

Technical Notes:

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

100 % Pinot Gris, Babcock Estate, Sta. Rita Hills

VINIFICATION:

100% Barrel Fermentation, 100% Malolactic Fermentation

ELEVAGE: 4 months in barrel, 20% New French Oak

FINISHED WINE:

pH: 3.70, TA: 5.4g/L, RESIDUAL SUGAR: Dry, ALCOHOL By VOL:14.3%

BOTTLING DATE: February 2008; RELEASE DATE: February, 2008

TOTAL PRODUCTION: 258 cases – 12/750ml

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE: \$30.00