

TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

BARDEN

Pinot Gris

STA. RITA HILLS



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2019 Barden Pinot Gris

La Encantada Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills

The BARDEN trade name is Douglas Margerum's middle name and its English meaning is "Lives near the boar's den..." thusly, we have adorned the label with an image of the wild boar that is pervasive in our area's vineyards.

**Vineyard Region:** Sta. Rita Hills – La Encantada (100%)

AVA Description – Sta Rita Hills, Santa Rosa Road, North facing slopes on uplifted oceanic sedimentary deposits, valley oriented in east-west direction allowing cool ocean air to roll in each evening bringing cool, damp air that pushes back the warmer interior valley heat. Foggy mornings also limit sun exposure along with cooler temps that depress plant growth and subsequent yield.

**Vintage Conditions:** 2019 was an outstanding vintage. It was a very cold winter and a very mild spring and summer leading to slow maturation and long hang times for increased complexities. Harvest was much later in the summer which allows us to harvest under kinder conditions – there were essentially no heat spikes which tend to cause panic and backups in the winery.

We are, and have been, very excited about vintage 2019 and we are proud to release this astonishingly complex and savory Pinot Gris.

**Harvest Date:** September 24th, 2019

**Winemaking:** The Grapes were picked for a balance of flavor, acidity and low alcohol, stainless steel fermented in our 55-degree winery, partially inoculated for malolactic fermentation and battonaged for 3 months.

Barrel Type: Demi-Mui ~ Time in Barrel: 10 months ~ Production in Cases: 208 six pack cases

**Wine Analysis & Production:** Harvest Date: 9/24/2019

Alcohol: 12.9 pH: 3.16 TA: 8.3

*Winemaker comments:*

**Color:** Light silver/golden with straw hues. Bright.

**Aroma:** Creamy, hints of apples and spicy pear notes.

**Palate:** The tight palate mingles with notes of apples, stone fruits, spices and hints of smoke leading to a crisp, complex finish. We recommend this wine for dining with sophisticated meals.

**Peak Drinking:** Now – 2036

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