



2015

TALE FEATHERS VINEYARD

PINOT GRIS

OLD MISSION PENINSULA, MICHIGAN

THE SHORT VERSION:

Full bodied, creamy, petrichor (the smell of fresh rain on pavement), dried apricot

THE LONG VERSION:

Pinot Gris is the mysterious, grey sister in the Pinot family. She's not as adventurous as Blanc and not as popular as her cheerleading sis Noir. Gris reads from tomes of the great poets in the corners of bustling coffee bars not caring if she gets noticed but not shying away from conversation either.

2015 was decidedly cruel to the grape growers of Northern Michigan. First was the repeat of the polar vortex, next came a spring frost, then for good measure the August hail storm severely limited our crop in this great vineyard. The undamaged fruit matured beautifully, though, and we took the extra steps to harvest these precious clusters. Instead of the typical 900 cases, we were able to produce only 80. The grapes were held with the skins for 6 hours before pressing and then fermented entirely in stainless steel with the lees for 3 months. It was lightly filtered and then bottled.

THE VINEYARD:

This 2 acre site sits on the opposite side of our Pinot Blanc vineyard. Facing west in sandy loam soil, it overlooks Grand Traverse Bay. It was planted in 2003 and has just started to reveal its potential as a heavyweight white wine. Gris ripens easily in our region. We like to let this one hang on the vine deep into the season. This allows us to make wines of depth, power, and complexity.

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APPELLATION: Old Mission Peninsula

VARIETIES: Pinot Gris

ACREAGE: 2

YEAR PLANTED: 2003, 2010

GROWN BY: Gary and Theresa Wilson

HUNGRY? TRY THESE IDEAS:

Salads, stuffed mushrooms, liverwurst, tahini, hummus, mellow flavored soft cheese

WINE GEEK TECHNO SPEAK:

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0 g/l

PH: 3.37

TITRATABLE ACIDITY: 6.8 g/l

ALCOHOL: 12%

CASES PRODUCED: 80

SOILS: Sandy loam

FERMENTED & AGED : 3 months in stainless steel with lees

AGING WINDOW: 1-2 years

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