

FRANCIS COPPOLA

DIAMOND COLLECTION

"The inspiration for the Diamond Collection was a bottle of 1906 Claret we found in the cellar of the Napa Valley property we purchased in 1975. I designed a new label reminiscent of this old bottle and created the Diamond Collection Black Label Claret, which is our company's most recognized offering. Today, Diamond Collection includes 13 varietals, each identified with a brightly colored label. The quality and authenticity of Diamond Collection is extremely important because we are a family company and our name is on the label. As such, you can trust that we'll always give you the very best."

—Francis Ford Coppola

FRANCIS COPPOLA DIAMOND COLLECTION 2015 PINOT GRIGIO

Diamond Collection wines are classic California expressions that offer fruit-forward, multi-dimensional flavor and immediate drinkability. Pinot Grigio is a delicate varietal that can't withstand too much sun and needs to be picked at precisely the right moment. When it's just right it bestows citrus notes, tropical fruit flavors and pretty floral nuances you don't find in other white varietals. To show off its personality, we ferment and finish the wine entirely in stainless steel.

VINTAGE NOTES

We came off an early vintage last year only to break the record and have an even earlier season in 2015. As one might expect, because the season commenced ahead of schedule, it ended quite early as well. Our Pinot Grigio vineyards are located in a relatively cool climate where fog dissipates early to allow the fruit to dry out. This keeps it healthy. The drought conditions we've been experiencing for years helped reduce yields, which always contributes to beautiful concentration in the grapes. The Pinot Grigio crop started to arrive in mid-August. By harvesting early, we were able to keep the fruit's natural acidity to produce a vibrant, crisp wine that's smooth and balanced.

TASTING PROFILE

Appearance Bright pale yellow
Aromas Peach, pineapple, lemon, spring flowers
Flavors Apricot, golden plum, honeysuckle



Corey Beck, Winemaker



<i>Appellation</i>	California
<i>Blend</i>	86% Pinot Grigio 7% Chardonnay 7% Chenin Blanc
<i>Alcohol</i>	13%
<i>Total Acid</i>	.57g/100ml
<i>pH</i>	3.36
<i>Barrel Regimen</i>	Stainless Steel
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