



2014 FEL PINOT GRIS, ANDERSON VALLEY

FEL Wines produces Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Pinot Gris grown in the Anderson Valley and on the Sonoma Coast. These cool climate regions are known for producing wines of bright acidity and considerable complexity. Crafted by Winemaker Ryan Hodgins, FEL bottlings consistently offer the elusive combination of concentration and elegance.

Vintage

Harvest came early to the Anderson Valley in 2014. A warm spring led to bud break, the grapevine's awakening from winter dormancy, in March, several weeks early. Spring turned into summer with consistently warm, but not hot, weather and the vines' maturity progressed quickly with veraison, the changing of color and softening of the berries, beginning in mid-July. The first two weeks of September were quite pleasant, without any heat spikes, allowing us to pick the grapes as the flavors developed, without concern of over-ripening. While the condensed harvest led to long days in the winery, the resulting wines show a finesse and balance found only in the greatest vintages.

Vineyards

This wine was made from a blend of fruit from three vineyards: Wiley Vineyard near the town of Navarro, and Filligreen and Donnelly Creek Vineyards, both located near the town of Boonville in Anderson Valley.

Winemaking

The fruit was harvested September 10 through 17 at an average of 23.6° Brix, whole cluster pressed to tank, and settled for 24 hours. The final blend combines lots fermented in a 900 gallon French oak oval, small neutral French oak barrels, and stainless steel tanks.

Winemaker Notes

Green apple, lemon zest, and quince are the signature aromatics of our FEL 2014 Anderson Valley Pinot Gris with hints of chamomile, struck flint, and fresh cut hay providing nuance to this wine's compelling bouquet. Flavors of grapefruit and honeydew melon persist in the mouth, while the bright acidity punctuates the wine's rich, oily mouthfeel on the finish.

Analysis

Alcohol:	14.2%
Residual Sugar:	0.35%
Production:	1,412 cases
Bottling Date:	March 3, 2015
Release Date:	May 1, 2015