



2012 Point Concepcion *Celestina* Metodo Ramato Pinot Grigio, Santa Barbara County

La Celestina was a character in perhaps one of Spain's greatest novels, which was published in 1499. She was a "procuress", a woman who dedicated her time to arranging discreet meetings between illicit lovers, and at the same time used her house as a brothel. She is a colorful and vivid character, hedonistic, sometimes miserly, and yet full of life. Celestina uses her powers of persuasion and seduction to convince even those who do not agree with her plans to concede. Perhaps after enjoying this wine, you will convince other wine lovers that Pinot Grigio should be a coppery hue.

Pinot Grigio has often been thought of as a fairly innocuous wine with high acid and an often disappointing nose that neither impresses nor causes harm to many foods. This wine will quite possibly change your perception of California grown Pinot Grigio. Made from a single vineyard, Sierra Madre Vineyard in Santa Barbara County, we de-stem this russet red grape and let it sit for a few days on the skins. Italian winemakers have been making this little known style, called Ramato - referring to "copper" in Italian - for centuries. The skins impart the salmon rosé color, soft tannins, and a complex minerality to the wine, and give it flavor and body that is rarely found in Pinot Grigio. This is a perfect go to wine for summer picnics, parties, and relaxing afternoons with friends.

Tasting Notes: Pink-orange in color like a California sunset. Soft, skin tannins frame citrus, peach, apricot and red berry flavors literally gush out of this wine. Rich, ripe and voluptuous, remember that this is not a rose; it is an "Orange Wine" because of skin contact during maceration.

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