



# FLORA SPRINGS



## WINEMAKER NOTES

Flora Springs' first wine to be released from the 2015 vintage, this Pinot Grigio was hand harvested from our vineyard in the Oak Knoll appellation of Napa Valley. This region in the mid-south of the valley experiences cooler temperatures than upvalley as well as lingering fog, making it a desirable area for growing the Pinot Grigio variety. The thin-skinned grapes were sent directly to the press in whole fruit clusters in order to gently extract clear, beautiful juice. The juice fermented to wine in small, stainless steel tanks at a cool temperature in our cellar, retaining the delicate varietal's pretty fruit character and bright acidity.

This young wine begins with fresh aromas of just-sliced Granny Smith apples followed by a delicate bouquet of Asian pear and juicy stone fruit. The aromas are echoed in the flavors, along with reminders of crème brûlée and hints of eggnog and cinnamon spice. It finishes with a crisp, zesty elongated finish. The wine would make an excellent match for light fish and seafood dishes such as grilled halibut or Creole shrimp.

## ALL THE FACTS

**Appellation:** *Oak Knoll, Napa Valley*

**Varietal:** *100% Pinot Grigio*

**Cases Produced:** *240*

**Suggested Retail Price:** *\$22*

**Enjoyability:** *Drink now!*

## ON THE VINE

The 2015 vintage in Napa Valley will be remembered for high quality but low yields. The growing season began with warm temperatures in late winter and early spring resulting in an early bud break. In May, colder temperatures during bloom caused fruit set to be uneven, yielding a much smaller crop compared to earlier vintages. Winemakers and vineyard managers worked closely together as the season progressed to ensure grapes ripened uniformly. The harvest, which was in full swing by mid-August, was one of the earliest on record in Napa Valley, and most vintners completed picking by mid-October. Although the continuing drought was a concern around California, Napa Valley received 75% of its annual rainfall average in 2015 making it less worrisome for Napa vintners.