

St. Gregory

2009 Mendocino Pinot Blanc



- WINERY:** Greg is the grandson of an Italian immigrant grape grower and winemaker. His father continued the tradition which Greg continues. With training and experience in a number of California wineries, Greg and wife Trudi founded the Graziano Family of wines in 1988. Initially focusing on Tuscan and Burgundian varieties under the Monte Volpe and St Gregory labels, in 2001 they began making Mendocino wines under the Graziano label and Piedmontian wines under the Enotria label.
- DESCRIPTION:** Historically, Pinot Blanc has been most noteworthy when grown in France's Alsace and Italy's Tre Venezie (where it's known as Pinot Bianco). This Pinot Blanc has a full creamy texture with concentrated fruit aromas of apple and peach, with added bouquets of mineral, spice and flint. Flavors of pear and lush textures mingle on the lively, long finish giving this wine a classical Burgundian mouthfeel. Delicious companions with this wine are grilled tuna, scampi, rosemary chicken, seared scallops with cilantro, garlic shrimp, and asparagus and mushroom strata.
- SOURCE:** 90% from the Schraeder Vineyard on the Russian River at the southern end of the Ukiah Valley in Mendocino County and from the new Pinot Blanc clones of France. 5% from the Fox Mountain Vineyard in Ukiah Valley and remaining 5% from the Lolonis Vineyard in Redwood Valley.
- BLEND:** 90% Pinot Blanc, 5% Cortese, 5% Pinot Grigio
- COOPERAGE:** After crushing, pressing and cold-settling, the juice was racked into French oak for 100% barrel fermentation and aging. The wine was aged four months on the yeast ("sur-lie").
- HARVEST:** September 26th, 2009 at an average of 24.0 brix
- BOTTLED:** March 11, 2010
- PRODUCTION:** 267 cases sold in very limited distribution
- ANALYSIS** Alcohol 13.5% T.A. .78. pH 3.18, R.S. .2%

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