



CÔTE WEST SKIN FERMENTED PINOT GRIS

Côte West is a family-run urban winery based in Oakland, California, that seeks out special vineyard sites and uses minimal intervention in the winery to highlight the unique characteristics of its sources. The result is new-world wines with old world (read Burgundian) restraint. It's the brainchild of Bret Hogan aided and abetted by his wife Kerrie.



VINEYARD

- Site:** Clarksburg appellation.
- Soil:** Fine silt and clay loam soils.
- Vines:** Picked early to capture its natural acidity and keep alcohol in check.
- Varieties:** Pinot Gris.

CELLAR

- Vinification & Aging:** Whole clusters were gently hand placed in a tank and left to ferment naturally for 20 days. This extended period of skin contact gives the wine its unique amber hue; some call it 'ramato' which translates as copper in Italian.
- Profile:** Delicate red fruits with great acidity and grip on the palate.