

Union Sacré | “L’Inconnue” Pinot Gris

Edna Valley AVA | 2019



Varietal: 100% Pinot Gris

Region: Central Coast, CA

Winemaker: Xavier Arnaudin

Vines Age: 10 years

Production: 1,920 bottles

Farming: Certified Sustainable

Soil: Sandy Loam

The Story: Xavier Arnaudin is a name you will know, and I have to thank Andrew Jones from Field Recordings for introducing me. I told Andrew I wanted to find someone special in California. Someone who was making amazing wines that no one knew about and that I would love, and also a person that would be great to work with. He knew exactly the person I was looking for. As a young man Xavier trained to be a boxer in France and then began to train to work the vineyards and harvest in 1997 with Alain Voge. During this time, he also worked as a sommelier and earned his WSET Diploma. Once he had several harvests and his diploma under his belt, he completed his enology studies and moved to the US. Xavier brings an old-world approach to his vineyard management, cellar, and winemaking. He also brings a willingness to be different and the confidence to let his fruit and his wines speak for themselves. He is making very small amounts of very striking wines. Xavier was making wines, mostly, from Rhone/Burgundy grapes, both here and in France. Tiny Production!!

Vineyard: Spanish Spring is in Price Canyon, between the southern end of the Edna Valley and the town of Pismo Beach is approximately four miles from the winery. It lies only two miles inland from the Pacific Ocean, separated by a small mountain range and covers rolling hills at the bottom of a narrow meandering canyon. The soils are sandy loam, further evidence of its close proximity to the nearby beach.

Vinification: Fermented for 4 weeks in tank @ 50 F. Skin contact for 20 hours. The juice quickly separates from the skins.

Ageing: 6 months on lees in stainless steel.

Everything else you want to know about this wine: L’Inconnue (“The Unknown”) is an occasional release for Union Sacré and is reserved for those rare wines that break with their expected style to dazzling effect.

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