



andrew lane

Gamay Noir

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Once the most abundant grape grown in Napa Valley, this Burgundian cousin of Pinot Noir has all but vanished from the landscape. In fact, it was the first wine ever made by Robert Mondavi, long before Cabernet Sauvignon reached its Holy Grail status. Ours is sourced from a small block of fifty year old vines skirting Garnett Creek at the base of Mount St. Helena – one of the last remaining plantings of this historic grape in California.

With its bright fruit and approachability, Gamay is often regarded as the quintessential summer wine. As close to white as red gets, it's a natural progression for the rosé drinker. But for all its light-hearted charm, this is far from "Nouveau." Likened to the esteemed Cru Beaujolais, it shares the flavor profile and mouthfeel of Pinot Noir, trading dried cherry for ripe bing cherry, strawberry and raspberry, punctuated with a hint of spice.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Picked on three separate occasions to insure perfect ripeness, the fruit was cold soaked for two days before gently running through the destemmer. Here, each berry is delicately split as they fall into 100 gallon bins, where the weight of the must and hand punch downs separate juice from skin to produce superior wine. Three Pinot Noir yeasts were employed for fermentation. Our Greenwood Ave. vineyard yield was co-fermented with 12% Solano County fruit providing an added layer of flavor and heightened complexity.

ANDREW LANE WINES

Andrew Lane is a small family winery that began in St. Helena, California in 1978. Founded by David Dickson and named for his two sons, Andrew and Lane, we have enjoyed a reputation for limited production wines of exceptional quality for over three decades. Drawing fruit from a select few of Napa Valley's finest vineyards, we specialize in Oakville hillside Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah and a Gamay Noir from one of the last remaining vineyards of its kind. With our move to Emeryville in 2005, the Dickson family now celebrates the progressive nature of the urban wine experience as a proud member of the thriving [East Bay Vintners Alliance](#).

100% Gamay Noir

Co-fermentation:

88% St. Helena

12% Solano County

Neutral Oak / 11 mos.

Alcohol: 12.9%

TA: .65

pH: 3.46

Production: 330 Cases

Retail: \$19