

# JOLIE-LAIDE PINOT GRIS, SUISUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



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Lying south-east of the Napa Valley, the Suisun Valley is home to a variety of grapes originally planted in California's North Coast. Here the combination of microclimate, alluvial - clay loam soils, and healthy organic farming allows Pinot Gris to thrive. We harvested the grapes early to maintain natural acidity. Upon arriving to our winery, the Pinot Gris was foot stomped for a 3 day whole cluster cold soak which provides phenolic texture along with a natural pink floral hue. The juice underwent native fermentation in a combination of stainless steel and oak puncheons before élevage in neutral barrique.

Jolie-Laide, founded in 2010 by Scott and Jenny Schultz is a small art house winery based out of Sonoma County, California. The name translates loosely to Pretty-Ugly, a French term of endearment to describe something that is unconventionally beautiful. The duo are co-owners, co-operators and co-winemakers who amassed years of critical working experience at many reputable wineries both in California and internationally. Considered *avant-garde* for challenging the status quo and respected as the vanguard of the "New California"- a movement to bring a more European sensibility of natural winemaking and championing unique yet classic varieties that are relatively unknown here in the United States. Their winemaking ethos is simple: low intervention, naturally minded and less is more. It is their unique ability to seek out spectacular vineyards- triangulating cooler sites, compelling soils and working with pioneering growers, leading to consistently delicious wines. As Scott says, "*The do-nothing approach isn't new by any means; it's just funny how far many have gotten away from it.*"

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## Tasting Note:

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