



La Celestina was a character in perhaps one of Spain's greatest novels, which was published in 1499. She was a "procuress", a woman who dedicated her time to arranging discreet meetings between illicit lovers, and at the same time used her house as a brothel. She is a colorful and vivid character, hedonistic, sometimes miserly, and yet full of life. Celestina uses her powers of persuasion and seduction to convince even those who do not agree with her plans to concede. Perhaps after enjoying this wine, you will convince other wine lovers that Pinot Grigio should be a coppery hue.

This is our third vintage of this unique wine. Pinot Grigio has often been thought of as a fairly innocuous wine with high acid and an often disappointing nose that neither impresses nor causes harm to many foods. This wine will quite possibly change your perception of California grown Pinot Grigio. Made from a single vineyard, Sierra Madre Vineyard in Santa Barbara County, we de-stem this russet red grape and let it sit for a few days on the skins. Italian winemakers have been making this little known style, called Ramato - referring to "copper" in Italian - for centuries. The skins impart the salmon rosé color, soft tannins, and a complex minerality to the wine, and give it flavor and body that is rarely found in Pinot Grigio. This is a perfect go to wine for summer picnics, parties, and relaxing afternoons with friends.

A very seductive wine, the copper-hued 2008 Celestina is lighter in color, but brighter and fruitier than the 2007 interpretation. A shorter cold soak on this "metodo ramato" Pinot Grigio resulted in less tannin and a more plush, fruit forward mouth feel. This wine jumps out with aromas of ripe peach, kiwi, strawberry and floral elements. Sip or serve with your favorite first course, especially grilled vegetables - including asparagus and artichoke!

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