The 2018 F&G Vineyard Pinot Blanc is pale yellow in color, highlighted by aromas of ripe green apple, honeysuckle, and pear. These aromas are complemented on the palate by the complex flavors of ripe Fuji apple, Meyer lemon, and melon. The creamy texture completes the long finish.

-Kristen Barnhisel WINEMAKER, WHITE WINES

# 2018 J. LOHR F&G VINEYARD PINOT BLANC

Arroyo Seco, Monterey

#### J. LOHR VINEYARD SERIES

## VINTAGE

Pinot Blanc was one of the 11 original varietal plantings by Jerry Lohr in Arroyo Seco in 1972. This year, we are pleased to offer a blend made from grapes grown in our sustainably farmed joint venture, F&G Vineyard. The 2018 growing season was characterized by a very cool spring in the Arroyo Seco. Fortunately, summer brought daytime highs in the 80s to help fully ripen the grapes. The cool weather enhanced the fresh apple, pear, melon, and Meyer lemon flavors while the afternoon winds helped slow maturity of the grapes and increase their texture. We harvested this vineyard in two picks – the first to enhance the bright acidity that is the Alsatian side of this grape, and the second to provide a riper melon flavor and rich texture to extend the finish.

## VINEYARDS

The grapes for the F&G Vineyard Pinot Blanc are grown in the sand-laden cobblestone soil of the cool and windy Arroyo Seco AVA. These rugged soils keep yields in check and produce fruit with varietal intensity, minerality, and exceptional weight. The long cool growing season of the Arroyo Seco appellation ensures that texture develops alongside the bright acidity. The F&G Pinot Blanc is created to be a unique, classic expression of the vineyard.

#### COMPOSITION 100% Pinot Blanc

## HARVEST

DATES September 25 and October 1, 2018 PROCESS Hand harvested in the cool morning CHEMISTRIES Brix 24.8°, total acidity 0.68 g/100ml, pH 3.36

# VINIFICATION

YEAST CY3079 and Frootzen FERMENTATION Average length of 10 days

## MATURATION

Aged for 6 months sur lie in concrete egg, French barrel and puncheon, and poly tank BARREL TYPE Neutral French oak and puncheon

## BOTTLING PH 3.30

TOTAL ACIDITY 0.63 g/100ml ALCOHOL 14.2% by volume RESIDUAL SUGAR 0.07 g/100ml PRODUCTION

378 six-bottle cases, winery exclusive

J.LOHR PINOT BLANC

### CELLARING Delicious now and will

gain complexity over the next three years.

# WINE LIST DESCRIPTION

Aromas and flavors of ripe green apple, honeysuckle, and pear.

#### FOOD PAIRINGS

Apple fennel salad, quiche Lorraine, shellfish, cream sauced pastas.



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