



2019 “Nullius in Verba” Pinot Gris
134-day Skin-Fermented Amphora Wine
Riverbench Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley
20 cases produced



- ABV: 13.9%
- Vineyard soils: Planted on the Santa Maria Bench, an ancient riverbed made up of alluvial soils containing clay, silt, sand, gravel, sandstone, and river cobble.
- Pick date: September 17, 2019
- Brix at harvest: 23°
- Hand-picked at night, vineyard-sorted
- Destemmed & fermented on skins for 134 days
- Made in a beeswax-lined terracotta amphora, handmade and fired on the Isle of Crete.
- Native primary & malolactic fermentation
- No added sulfur
- Bottled January 29, 2020
- The Name: “Nullius in Verba” is the motto of London’s Royal Society, founded in 1660 as a group of eminent philosophers; it means to “take no one’s word for it” when pursuing knowledge, but rather to experiment and find one’s own conclusions. We first made this wine in 2013. Our goal was to capture a California expression of the methods of winemaking in the Republic of Georgia, wine’s birthplace.
- Note: The front label (pictured) is adapted from a photograph taken while looking directly into the clay vessel from above.
- Winemakers: Emily Towe & Jody Brix Towe