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2010 Vin Gris de Cigare

Why should you care? Randall Grahm's Bonny Doon Vineyard is one of the grandes dames of the Cali-Rhône movement, and for my money Grahm's most consistent wine over the years has been his pink Vin Gris de Cigare. Made from a blend of Rhône varieties (71% of the 2010 is grenache), it is a consistently excellent California take on the refreshing, dry Provence rosés loved by wine drinkers around the world. Grahm has been making this wine since 1984, back in the days when pink California wine meant the dreaded white zinfandel. That particular category was so uniformly bad that rosés as a group were uniformly rejected in the U.S., but Bonny Doon stuck with it. In the category of American rosé, this is the éminence grise, as pun-meister Grahm would likely say.

What does it taste like? Very pale pink in color, it offers an array of red berry, citrus and spice flavors, with a racy quality that makes it extremely flexible with food. Or serve it by itself. At 12.8% alcohol it's very easy to drink. You'll be shocked how quickly a bottle disappears, so don't buy just one.

How much does it cost? \$15

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