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An Entry-Level Orange Wine for the Budding Oenophile



At the behest of Andrew Nelson, an owner of Bonny Doon Vineyard, in California, the company introduced an orange wine, in limited production, in 2022. It was a blend of mostly Grenache (40 percent Blanc, 40 percent Gris, 10 percent noir and 10 percent orange Muscat) vinified with enough skin contact to meet the product definition. Its success led to this year's greater volume and wider distribution. The wine is straightforward, dry and only 10.5 percent alcohol, with hints of apricot on the nose and tart marmalade on the palate. The merest suggestion of funk makes it, as Randall Grahm, the founder of the winery, put it, "the perfect entry-level orange wine."



Bonny Doon Vineyard Le Cigare Orange 2022

\$9.99 | \$14.99

Central Coast | Skin Contact | 10.5%

52% Grenache Blanc, 42% Grenache Gris, 6% Orange Muscat | 42% Loma del Río (Sustainable) 52% Beeswax (BioD Practics) 6% Carrasco

Fermented separately in rotary fermenters. Small fermentation tanks on their sides, gentle and extremely controlled maceration. They were on white skins for 10 days.





