



JAMES LAUBE: "Gary Burk seems to have a knack for producing elegant, supple-textured wines from a cool region of the Santa Maria Valley."

COSTA DE ORO SANTA MARIA VALLEY

An estate winery, Costa de Oro produces Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from Santa Maria Valley's Gold Coast Vineyard. Winemaker/co-owner Gary Burk's diligent approach to farming and traditional European winemaking techniques result in unique expressions of this vineyard, wines of character and flavor. In addition, the Gold Coast Vineyard has supplied grapes to some of the most prestigious wineries on the Central Coast including Au Bon Climat, Foxen and Talley.

While born into a farming family, Gary fell in love with music at an early age. After earning a degree in business, he moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career as a musician and songwriter. It was during his stay in LA that the Burk and Espinola families planted the 30-acre Gold Coast Vineyard in Santa Maria. While in LA, Gary's interest in grape growing and wine took off. Once the vineyard was producing, he sold grapes to local wineries from his LA base. Fortuitously finding himself at dinner in 1993 with Au Bon Climat winemaker/owner Jim Clendenen and Dominique Lafon of Domaine des Comtes Lafon, Gary realized what he really wanted to do... funny what a great glass of Meursault will do!



Gary worked the harvest at Au Bon Climat/Qupé in 1994 and was hired full-time in production/marketing in 1995. He made a single barrel each of Gold Coast Vineyard Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in 1994, substantially increasing production each year to the current level of 3,000 annual cases. Gary left Qupé/Au Bon Climat in 2002 to devote all his time to Costa de Oro.

The transition from music to winemaking was eased by similarities in the two industries: both rely on a blending of technique, artistry, and "feel". Gary has received critical acclaim as well, receiving "90" point scores or higher from Robert Parker, Wine Spectator, and Wine & Spirits.

CHARDONNAY GOLD COAST VINEYARD

CHARDONNAY "RESERVA DORADA" GOLD COAST VINEYARD

PINOT NOIR GOLD COAST VINEYARD

ROBERT M. PARKER: "This stylish, dark plum/ruby-hued Pinot Noir offers excellent aromas of pomegranates, sweet cherries, loamy soil, and herbs. Medium-bodied, fresh, and lively with attractive elegance and follow through on the palate, it will provide plenty of pleasure over the next 4-5 years."

PINOT NOIR "ORO ROJO" GOLD COAST VINEYARD

A barrel selection from at least 5 tries in the vineyard. Burk favors earlier picks to ensure bright acidity alongside a capacity for cellar development. Complex aromas of smoke, berries, herbs, and caramel. Very focused mouth of bright fruit and a long, smooth finish that can only come from barrel age.