

Iris Vineyards



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2017
Willamette Valley • Oregon
Pinot Gris

TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETIES 100% Pinot Gris

AVA Willamette Valley

TA 7.2 g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR 5.0 g/L

ALCOHOL 11.5%

ELEVAGE 100% Stainless steel

CLONES Dijon 146 and 152

VINEYARDS Chalice Estate and Confluence

Vineyards

SOIL TYPES Bellpine

HARVESTED October 2017

BOTTLED February 2018

CELLARING 1-5 years

RELEASED February 2019

CASES 4504

WINEMAKER Aaron Lieberman

PROPRIETOR Pamela Frye

SRP: \$15.99

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At Iris Vineyards we look to showcase the potential of Pinot Gris when planted in the proper place and in the hands of our dedicated growers and cellar staff.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Each vineyard parcel was harvested separately, at peak maturity and brought into the cellar cold. The fruit was whole cluster pressed into stainless steel tanks to ferment as their own individual vineyard parcels. Once fermentation was complete, the individual tanks were blended together to build complexity and interest. The 2017 vintage brought generous fruit while retaining its acidity that gives this wine structure and balance.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2017 vintage at Iris Vineyards was distinguished by a return to normal. In recent years we have experienced warmer than average growing seasons and the 2017 vintage was notably average. Bud break hit in mid to late April with little to no concerns of frost. The mild spring weather allowed for steady, gradual vine development. Bloom occurred in late June during near perfect conditions. Some late heat spells in September accelerated ripening, however the Chalice Vineyard sight benefited from having large diurnal shifts, keeping temperatures low at night to slow maturation and enhance flavor development.