



Iris Vineyards
2018
Willamette Valley • Oregon
Pinot Gris

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

TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETIES 100% Pinot Gris

AVA Willamette Valley

TA 8.2 g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR 5.0 g/L

ALCOHOL 12.27%

pH 3.11

ELEVAGE 100% Stainless steel

CLONES Dijon 146 and 152

VINEYARDS Chalice Estate, Five Fourteen,
Confluence and Stroda Vineyards

SOIL TYPES Belpine, Dupee, Woodburn,
Willamette and Willakenzie

HARVESTED September 2018

BOTTLED January 2019

CELLARING 1-5 years

RELEASED March 2020

CASES 4846

WINEMAKER Aaron Lieberman
PROPRIETOR Pamela Frye

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 2018 vintage brought generous fruit while retaining the acidity that gives this wine structure and balance.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2018 vintage saw a return to the trend of warmer than average growing conditions following a slightly cooler than average 2017. Budbreak was on April 25th which is close to historical average for our vineyard. Bloom occurred with favorable weather on about June 20th. From there on the season was one of the warmest and driest on record but with few heat spikes. We were also handed a cool, dry fall which allowed for extra hang time and a relatively stress-free harvest. The Chalice Vineyard site benefits from having large diurnal shifts, keeping temperatures low at night to slow maturation and enhance flavor development.

Awards and Accolades

Double Gold – *New Orleans International Wine Awards*

SRP: \$15.99