



2022 WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT GRIS

Willamette Valley

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 7.0g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR 4.0g/L

ALCOHOL 11.5%

pH 3.17

ELEVAGE 100% Stainless steel

CLONES Dijon 146 and 152

VINEYARDS Chalice Estate, Stoneridge,
Kraemer, Five Fourteen, Abiqua Wind, Meridian

SOIL TYPES Bellpine

HARVESTED September 2022

BOTTLED December 2022 and

January 2023

CELLARING 1-5 years

RELEASED January 2023

CASES 8376

WINEMAKER Aaron Lieberman

PROPRIETOR Pamela Frye

WINEMAKER NOTES

We picked our 2022 Pinot Gris mostly in October, about 3 weeks later than average. The fruit was whole cluster pressed into stainless steel tanks to settle for a day before racking to another stainless tank for fermentation. Once fermentation was complete, we racked again and chilled the wine for cold stability and to prevent malolactic fermentation. These practices help to produce a wine which is vibrantly acidic and fruit forward.

Our estate vineyard, being a cool site tends to be more on the citrus aroma side of Pinot gris while vineyards we source from provide the more typical pear and apple aromas this varietal is known for.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2022 vintage had slightly warmer than average growing conditions following a warmer than average 2021 and 2020. Budbreak occurred in the third week of April just a few days earlier than average for our vineyard. Like many other vineyards in the Willamette Valley our estate vineyard suffered some frost damage in April and again in May. These frosts killed many of the primary buds so we relied on the secondary and tertiary buds to push, hoping they would be fruitful. Bloom occurred in the middle of July with favorable weather conditions, which led, to our surprise, to a near average fruit set and berry size. From there on the season was near average in terms of precipitation and temperature. The fall ripening period was nearly ideal with warm days, cool nights and little rain. The concerns about the effect of the frost on the vines and fruit quality seem to have been unnecessary as the 2022 wines are of high quality and excellent concentration.

SRP: \$17.99