



2016 Estate Pinot Gris



Cristom Vineyards' Estate Pinot Gris vines were planted in 1993, with 5.1 acres (2.06 hectares) placed on a gentle, east-facing slope that begins at the lowest elevation on the property, greeting visitors as they enter the estate, and rising from 200 feet to 350 feet (61 m to 107 m). Our Pinot Gris vineyard is distinctive to the estate in that it is planted entirely over ancient flood deposits, known as Missoula Flood silts, and marine sediments. Planted at a high density of 1,815 vines/acre (4,485 vines/hectare), the Pinot Gris block has consistently produced a lifted, floral and citrus-tinged wine that combines zesty, mineral-driven accents with a distinctively creamy finish since its first release with the 1996 vintage.

Our 2016 Estate Pinot Gris exudes aromas of clingstone peach, jasmine, and honeydew melon, with notes of Bosc pears and Gala apples leaping from the glass. Stylistically dry, this wine is exceptionally food-friendly, with fine phenolics and a subtle, silky creaminess from the full malolactic fermentation and aging on its lees.



WINEMAKING

100% hand-harvested and hand-sorted fruit
Gently pressed in a pneumatic bladder press
Undergoes a full malolactic fermentation
Aged on its lees in tank for 6 months
Fined with Bentonite and filtered

ALC 14%

TA 5.2 g/L

pH 3.29

BOTTLED March 22-23, 2017

PRODUCTION 1,244 cases

SOILS Missoula Flood Sediments including Helmick and Woodburn.
Marine Sediments including Wellsdale and Dupee



Vintage Notes From a historical perspective, the wines of 2016 bear more than a passing resemblance to two other highly-acclaimed Oregon vintages: 2012 and 2008, years known for producing low yields of small, concentrated berries. Three separate heat swells in early spring of 2016 resulted in three distinct bloom periods, creating small amounts of millerandage, ("chicks and hens") within individual clusters – which we welcome with open arms, as we firmly believe this only adds to the character and complexity of our wines.



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