



MONTINORE ESTATE



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD
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SOIL
**LAURELWOOD
CORNELIUS**

AVERAGE VINE AGE
29 YEARS

VARIETY
100% PINOT GRIS

CLONES
146, 152, LETT

FERMENTATION
STAINLESS STEEL

TA
6.2

pH
3.24

RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.2%

ALCOHOL
13.5%

WINEMAKER
STEPHEN WEBBER

BOTTLING DATE
APRIL 2021

RELEASE DATE
OCTOBER 2021

2020

PINOT GRIS

Willamette Valley, Oregon

THE VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage was in some ways very challenging and in others ideal. The season began with adequate moisture to kick off nice spring growth. Early rains and a dryer summer resulted in fewer clusters and smaller berries. Through the reduction in yield, we knew the wine would have great concentration of aroma and varietal flavor. In early September, Oregon experienced one of the worst fire seasons in recent history. With the fires to the east and south of our vineyards, we avoided the worst of the smoke. By harvest, we had a small crop, 50% of normal, but very high quality.

THE WINEMAKING

Seven different blocks from our estate vineyard contribute to this wine. Each growing site offers slightly different fruit characteristics which, when blended, creates additional personality and complexity. The wine was fermented in stainless steel, with a mixture of yeasts, including indigenous. Variations in pressing cycles, yeasts, vessel size, temperature and lees ageing allow for a level of intricacy that allows us to produce an estate Pinot Gris that exemplifies our special and unique location in the Willamette Valley.

THE WINE

The 2020 Pinot Gris is a lovely example of the great balance that can be achieved with this variety in the Northern Willamette Valley. Transport yourself to a sunny island with the intensely fruit-forward aromas of pomelo, honeydew melon and peaches with cream wafting forth. The mid-palate is slightly soft and plush, with flavors of lemon tart, green apple and citrus pith. Bright, cleansing acidity offers a quenching finish. Chill it down for a palate cleansing aperitif or pair it with just about any meal.

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POINTS

WINEENTHUSIAST

GOLD
MEDAL

San Francisco Chronicle
WINE COMPETITION
LARGEST COMPETITION OF NORTH AMERICAN WINES



Made with Demeter-Certified Biodynamic Grapes
Certified Organic by CCOF

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