



MONTINORE ESTATE

2021

PINOT GRIS

Willamette Valley, Oregon



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD
MONTINORE ESTATE

SOIL
**LAURELWOOD
CORNELIUS**

AVERAGE VINE AGE
30 YEARS

VARIETY
100% PINOT GRIS

CLONES
146, 152, LETT

FERMENTATION
STAINLESS STEEL

TA
6.1

pH
3.33

RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.06%

ALCOHOL
13.6%

WINEMAKER
STEPHEN WEBBER

BOTTLING DATE
MARCH 2022

RELEASE DATE
FEBRUARY 2023

THE VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage was another year of extremes in Oregon. The spring started out with good soil moisture and average weather. Unfortunately, during the bloom a cool rainy period and some hail reduced the size of the crop right from the start. Summer brought legendary heat to the Northwest with two record breaking days of 115° and 116°. Fortunately, the fruit was unharmed, but cluster development was disrupted resulting in smaller bunched at harvest. The fruit we did get was of excellent quality although the harvest was very small. Sugars were in the normal to high range with beautifully balanced acids and concentrated flavors resulting in wine that albeit in short supply will be of excellent quality for years to come.

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 2021 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 white peach, pear and lilac wafting forth. The mid-palate is slightly soft and plush, with flavors of melon, fresh green apple and a touch of honey. Bright, cleansing acidity offers a quenching finish. Chill it down for a palate cleansing aperitif or pair it with just about any meal.



Made with Demeter-Certified Biodynamic Grapes
Certified Organic by CCOF

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