



MONTINORE ESTATE

2017

PINOT GRIS

Willamette Valley, Oregon



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD
MONTINORE ESTATE

SOIL
**LAURELWOOD
CORNELIUS**

AVERAGE VINE AGE
26 YEARS

CLONES
146, 152, LETT

HARVEST DATE
SEPT 22 - OCT 13

FERMENTATION
STAINLESS STEEL

TA
6.0

pH
3.38

RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.1%

ALCOHOL
13.7%

WINEMAKER
STEPHEN WEBBER

BOTTLING DATE
APRIL 2018

RELEASE DATE
JANUARY 2019

THE VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage began nicely, with normal bud break and a steady spring. The weather in June was near perfect and the vines set an abundance of large clusters. It was the third warmest year of the past 20, though devoid of excessively high heat spikes. The Willamette Valley had a scare in September due to fires in the Columbia Gorge, but the grape skins were not at the point where they would absorb smoke flavors and the wind soon shifted to the east. With near perfect weather, harvest yields were the largest we've had at Montinore Estate since 1997. Yet the grapes were some the best balanced and fully ripened fruit we have seen.

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

Winemaker Stephen Webber transports us to Alsace with this classic expression of Pinot Gris. Aromas of melon, starfruit, Asian pear and scented talc offer an attractive introduction. The palate is rich and satisfying, with flavors of lemon meringue, kumquat and white nectarine. The finish is pleasingly zesty, with a hint of minerality.



Made with Demeter-Certified Biodynamic Grapes
Certified Organic by Stellar Certification



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