



MONTINORE ESTATE

2018

PINOT GRIS

Willamette Valley, Oregon



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD
MONTINORE ESTATE

SOIL
**LAURELWOOD
CORNELIUS**

AVERAGE VINE AGE
27 YEARS

VARIETY
100% PINOT GRIS

CLONES
146, 152, LETT

FERMENTATION
STAINLESS STEEL

TA
5.8

pH
3.36

RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.02%

ALCOHOL
13.8%

WINEMAKER
STEPHEN WEBBER

BOTTLING DATE
MARCH 2019

RELEASE DATE
OCTOBER 2019

THE VINTAGE

An exceptional vintage, the spring and summer of 2018 were some of the warmest and driest on record, and fairly uneventful. Bud break came just a little earlier than average and progressed smoothly. A long cool autumn extended the growing season, allowing the grapes to hang on the vine and develop flavors while retaining acidity. Harvest came fast with a short window and the fruit was impeccably clean and ripe, with good acid and great flavors.

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 2018 Pinot Gris is a lovely example of the great balance that can be achieved with this variety in the Northern Willamette Valley. Each of the seven blocks used to craft this wine were harvested and fermented separately, then artfully blended to create the best expression of the site. Fragrant, fruit-forward wafts of rose talc, melon, candied pineapple, and lemon zest introduce this bright and bountiful Pinot Gris. Juicy white pear, green apple and a hint of pie crust linger on the creamy palate. The quenching finish is crisp, refreshing and lengthy.



Made with Demeter-Certified Biodynamic Grapes
Certified Organic by CCOF