

2022 Pinot Gris

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Vineyard:

Established in 1983, Yamhill Valley Vineyards is the second oldest vineyard in the McMinnville AVA. We produce 100% estate grown wines from our 150-acre estate located in the Willamette Valley. Thanks to our geologic history and geographic location, our site is known for intense, enduring wines, grown with distinction. The Rainbow block of Pinot Gris was planted in 1985 and is own-rooted, lending itself to balance; both in flavor and in yield. It ranges from 250-500 feet in elevation and spans our two dominant soil types – marine sedimentary and volcanic.

Vintage:

Every growing season is unique and 2022 was no exception. In early April we experienced a valley-wide frost event that affected yields dramatically. Some buds were damaged and did not produce any fruit, while others were delayed in growth but would later bear fruit. By mid-May we were finally seeing some continuation of the budbreak that had barely started in early April. This means that flowering, veraison and harvest were also delayed. We started harvest in early October where the last few years we had kicked off in late September. Thankfully, the grapes that did come to fruition had more energy put toward them and despite the late start, these 2022 wines are some of the richest and ripest we have seen. This makes for wines with ample mouthfeel and weight, and riper flavors that are delicious and ready to be enjoyed sooner.

Winemaking:

Balanced, generously flavored fruit was hand-picked and delivered to the crush pad where it was sorted and pressed whole cluster to tank. The deliciously fruity and ripe juice was racked, cooled, and inoculated with Alchemy II yeast. Primary fermentation completed after 42 days, slowly and steadily reducing sugars and giving off aromas of cinnamon, apple and honey. This Pinot Gris is rich and round, magnanimously expressing the vintage.

Tasting Notes:

Pear, mango, pineapple, honey and Key lime.

Winemaker: Alcohol: RS: pH: TA:

Ariel Eberle 13.0% 0.1 g/l 3.19 6.5 g/l