



## 2017 Estate Pinot Gris



Cristom Vineyards' Estate Pinot Gris vines were planted in 1993, with 5.1 acres (2.06 hectares) placed on a gentle, east-facing slope that begins at the lowest elevation on the property, greeting visitors as they enter the estate, and rising from 200 feet to 350 feet (61 m to 107 m). Our Pinot Gris vineyard is distinctive to the estate in that it is planted entirely over ancient flood deposits, known as Missoula Flood silts, and marine sediments. Planted at a high density of 1,815 vines/acre (4,485 vines/hectare), the Pinot Gris block has consistently produced a lifted, floral and citrus-tinged wine that combines zesty, mineral-driven accents with a distinctively creamy finish since its first release with the 1996 vintage.



### WINEMAKING

100% hand-harvested and hand-sorted fruit  
Gently pressed in a pneumatic bladder press  
Undergoes a full malolactic fermentation  
Aged on its lees in tank for 6 months  
Fined with Bentonite and filtered

### SOILS

Missoula Flood Sediments including Helmick and Woodburn.  
Marine Sediments including Wellsdale and Dupee

**ALC** 14%

**TA** 5.3 g/L

**pH** 3.27

**BOTTLED** March 12, 2018

**PRODUCTION** 1,678 cases

**Vintage Notes** With dramatic diurnal shifts, the cool weather at the end of the 2017 season allowed us to pick at our leisure with high acid and ripe phenological development. A little rain in the middle of September just before harvest was actually a positive and extended the season by gaining hang time after a dry summer. The vines felt good to take a small drink of water and it helped them keep their canopies strong and hang their fruit longer into the season. The clusters were destined to be plentiful and big, so we were faced with the decision to drop fruit to reduce yield and demand on the vines. Sugar accumulation slowed and we made thoughtful decisions based on the phenolics and natural acidity rather than be rushed by the warm weather.



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