



## 2018 Estate Pinot Gris



Cristom Vineyards' Estate Pinot Gris vines were planted in 1993, with 2 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** 6.3 g/L

**pH** 3.08

**BOTTLED** March 5, 2019

**PRODUCTION** 394 cases

**Vintage Notes** 2018 was the driest growing season in our twenty-six growing history in the Eola Hills, and the vines responded by delivering intense expressions of wines from the Estate. We had considerable fruit to drop; the dry weather acted as though it were a warm vintage, so we worked hard in the vineyard with canopy management, exacting fruit thinning to slow ripening down and gain hang-time across the estate. The 2018 Estate Pinot Gris has excellent acidity – it shows by the chemistry and on the palate, and is one of the more racy expressions of Pinot Gris we have crafted in our history. The production of the 2018 vintage is reduced from past year, as we grafted Pinot Noir over the top of the Pinot Gris slope in the Spring of 2018.



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