



**King Estate:** Clone 146 is a Pinot Gris grape originating from Alsace known for expressing concentrated citrus character. It is an early ripening clone characterized by tight, compact clusters. We have 194 acres planted to this exceptional clone in our Domaine vineyard.

### **2009 King Estate Pinot Gris Block 11 Clone 146**

**FINAL ANALYSIS:** 13.0% alcohol; TA: .52%; pH: 3.28

**SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE:** \$22/750ml

**PRODUCTION:** 217 cases

#### **GROWING SEASON**

The 2009 vintage has the potential to be of very high-quality. The growing season in Oregon was one of dramatic week-to-week temperature variability with wide swings between record high and record low temperatures. A couple incidents of rain occurred over the Labor Day and Columbus Day weekends but did not negatively impact grape quality. A warm and dry harvest period gave way to cooler than expected conditions in late September and early October, but fortunately the majority of the fruit statewide was at or near optimum ripeness. Even with a cooler end to the season, the cumulative growing degree days for the 2009 vintage showed a 4-14% increase over 2008, similar to the warm 2004 and 2006 vintages.

#### **WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES**

Color: light straw

Aroma: minerality, orange lime, tropical fruit, taffy, lemon peel

Flavors: lemon-zest, citrus, meringue, key lime pie

Mouthfeel: lively acidity, viscous