



## 2017 WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT GRIS

Our flagship wine, King Estate Willamette Valley Pinot Gris, reflects an excellence recognized worldwide. Made with the best selection of grapes each year, the 2017 vintage was sourced primarily from King Estate's certified Biodynamic® and organic vineyard as well as a handful of like-minded sustainably-farmed vineyards throughout the Willamette Valley.

## TASTING NOTES

2017 King Estate Pinot Gris is a beautiful example from a classic Oregon vintage. This wine has a pale straw color with glistening edges. Fresh fruit aromas of ripe pear and lime zest are followed by pleasant honeysuckle notes. On the palate, there are lively flavors of nectarine, ripe pear and fresh cut pineapple, highlighted by violet tinges. This is a rich, viscous Pinot Gris, with a striking balance of ripe fruit and fresh acidity. Enjoy now and until 2028.

## WINEMAKING PROCESS

The 2017 vintage was fermented in 100% stainless steel tanks, which were temperature controlled to maximize fruit character. This wine benefited from sur lie aging for 4 months prior to bottling.

## VINTAGE NOTES

2017 was a classic Oregon vintage, with bud break in late March, followed by bloom in mid to late June, and véraison in early to mid-August, roughly two weeks later than 2016. Fruit set was heavy, requiring judicious crop-thinning to promote grape quality. After early picking for sparkling wine and Rosé, harvest on the estate began in earnest in late September and finished mid-October. The later season combined with cool harvest weather, interrupted periodically by showers, slowed ripening, allowing for enhanced flavor development and acid retention while keeping potential alcohol levels in check.

Varietal: Pinot Gris AVA: Willamette Valley

Alcohol: 13.5%