

King Estate

2019

WILLAMETTE VALLEY DOMAINE PINOT GRIS

Domaine Pinot Gris is the preeminent selection from King Estate Winery, made exclusively from certified organic and Biodynamic® grapes from our estate vineyard at the southern tip of the renowned Willamette Valley. Organic since 2002, the estate is the largest Biodynamic vineyard in North America. King Estate is credited with popularizing Pinot Gris nationally. The Domaine bottling represents the best of the best from our estate.

TASTING NOTES

The nose comes alive with aromas of key lime, orange blossom, white peach, wet stone and wildflower. Up front the wine is round and luscious with balanced acidity building on the mid-palate, bringing out complex and exotic flavors of lychee, kumquat and pear. Hints of key lime, peach skin, lemon tart and brioche enhance the experience. The finish is focused and elegant.

WINEMAKING PROCESS

Grapes are hand harvested and whole cluster pressed. The wine was cool fermented in 100% stainless steel tanks which were temperature controlled to maximize fruit character. Aged sur lie for six months.

VINTAGE NOTES

A six-year string of unusually hot and dry harvests ended in 2019 when almost four times the normal amount of rain fell in late September. While challenging, these conditions were actually more typical of a classic Oregon harvest – reminiscent of vintages such as 2007, 2003, 1997 and 1995 that produced some enduring and delicious wines in a true Oregon style. Temperatures ran slightly lower than 2018 but still above the 20-year average. Harvest from the estate began Sept. 21 and wrapped up Oct. 9, a shorter picking schedule than usual due in part to working around weather events. Vintages like these produce wines where alcohol levels are lower, revealing more complex aromatics and flavors.

Varietal: 100% King Estate Vineyard Pinot Gris

AVA: Willamette Valley

Alcohol: 13%

