

# King Estate

**2023**

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY DOMAINE PINOT GRIS

Located in the prestigious Willamette Valley, King Estate is certified organic and Biodynamic®, producing fruit as pristine and pure as Oregon itself. King Estate is credited with popularizing Pinot Gris nationally. To this day we scrupulously safeguard our tradition of meticulous winemaking. For our Domaine wines, our winemakers carefully select the highest quality Pinot Gris grapes harvested from our estate vineyard. Only the best fruit makes it into the bottle carrying the Domaine label.

### TASTING NOTES

Fruit is from four blocks on the estate. The nose reveals perfumy ripe pear, tangerine, nectarine, honeysuckle, lemon zest, minerality and honeydew melon. Flavors develop on the palate, with notes of Bosc pear, honeydew, nectarine, honeysuckle and Meyer lemon. This wine is built with a pleasing blend of fruit and floral flavors and a perfect balance of acidity and alcohol, coming together to achieve a truly remarkable Pinot Gris.

### WINEMAKING PROCESS

The fruit was whole cluster pressed, settled, racked and fermented to dryness in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks. Aged sur lie for eight months.

### VINTAGE NOTES

A highly successful vintage began with cool, wet conditions in the spring that delayed budbreak, foreshadowing a late harvest. That concern dissipated with a dramatic warming trend that began with budbreak in late April and continued into June. Bloom occurred between June 10 and 20, making this the shortest period between budbreak and bloom since King Estate's founding. Perfect summer weather was briefly interrupted by a short heat spike in mid-August when highs hit triple digits. Harvest began Sept. 12 with first fruit in from our own estate vineyard with a big push to get as much fruit in by Sept. 23 before a predicted storm system hit. After a few days of drying out, harvest ramped back up on Oct. 1 and finished on Oct. 14, right before more rains arrived.

**Varietal:** 100% Pinot Gris

**Vineyard:** 100% King Estate, Blocks 14A, 15C, 18C and 20A

**AVA:** Willamette Valley

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

