

*King Estate*  
Family Owned & Farmed



2023

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT GRIS

Early in our 30-year history, King Estate established a reputation for Willamette Valley Pinot Gris that continues to this day. The Willamette Valley – and our cool climate, high elevation site in particular – is ideally suited for growing Pinot Gris grapes. Made with the finest fruit from our own estate and our like-minded vineyard partners, this wine reflects a commitment to sustainable farming practices in each bottle.

### TASTING NOTES

Classic hallmarks of Pinot Gris appear on the nose with aromas of ripe pear, lime zest, peach, honeysuckle and lemon blossom. The wine starts off nice and round on the palate with ripe fruit flavors of Asian pear, key lime and nectarine accompanied by jasmine and damp slate. The entrance is followed by bright acidity that carries through to a fresh, balanced and lingering finish.

### WINEMAKING PROCESS

The wine is fermented in 100% stainless steel temperature controlled tanks to preserve varietal character and aromatic complexity. Aged sur lie in stainless steel for four months.

### VINTAGE NOTES

2023 began with cool, wet conditions dominating in the spring, delaying budbreak and foreshadowing a late harvest. That concern dissipated with a dramatic warming trend that began with budbreak in late April and continued through much of June. Bloom occurred in mid-June, making this the shortest period between budbreak and bloom since King Estate's founding. Perfect summer weather was only 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, which hasn't happened in recent memory. After a brief interruption for a storm, harvest ramped back up on Oct. 1 and finished on Oct. 14, right before more rains arrived. Wine quality from this vintage appears to be outstanding.

Varietal: 100% Pinot Gris

Vineyards: 50% King Estate, 17% Goschie, 5% Coria, 5% Rich's Road, 4% Pfeiffer, 3% Fitzpatrick, 2% Sylvan, 2% Walnut Ridge, 13% Other

AVA: Willamette Valley

Alcohol: 13.5%