King Estate

VINTAGE

REPORT

2021



Harvest 2021 has wrapped up in 43 days—just in time before the heavy rains arrived. The season kicked off on September 7 with roughly three tons of Pinot Noir from our newest partner, Ninebark Vineyard in Gaston, Ore., and concluded on October 19 with nearly three and one-half tons of Cabernet Sauvignon from Bacchus Vineyard in Washington's Columbia Valley.

The harvest followed a bell-curve pattern: a light start and finish bookend an intense middle period during which about 4,000 tons of fruit were gathered. In fact, 97% of the fruit was harvested over just 26 days, including 1,400 tons from our own estate. Processing this massive volume in such a short time demanded a herculean effort from our crew, which peaked at 120 members working around the clock.



This year, King Estate was thrilled to welcome 13 new vineyard partners, bringing our total to 60. These partnerships allow us to craft an exceptionally diverse range of varietals from across the Pacific Northwest. Among the newcomers to our lineup this year are Grüner Veltliner and Gamay Noir.

With harvest complete, one phase at the winery ends and another begins—tracking approximately 350 individual wine lots, ensuring fermentations are managed properly, tasting the wines as they develop, and planning for future bottlings.