



2017 Anne Amie Vineyards Pinot Gris Willamette Valley AVA

Harvest
September 2017

Production
3957 cases

Release Date
April 2018

Varietal Composition
100% Pinot gris

Vineyards
Anne Amie Estate
Twelve Oaks Estate

AVA - Willamette Valley

Alcohol – 13.6%

Total Acidity – 6.1 g/L

pH - 3.22

Residual Sugar – 0.55%

Our Pinot gris is an elegant expression of this versatile varietal. Intensely aromatic powdery floral notes give way to a palate of Asian pear, Meyer lemon and rose petal. Balanced and crisp, this wine is a great match for many dishes from chicken paella or moules-frites to pork roast.

VINIFICATION

Grapes were hand-picked and brought directly to the winery in 1/2 ton totes in perfect condition. They were whole cluster pressed and placed into temperature controlled stainless steel fermenters, where they were slowly cold-fermented at 45°F for maximum varietal character. 15% of the Pinot gris was fermented in neutral barrels at 55°F to enhance mouthfeel and aged on the lees for four months before bottling.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

After early bud breaks and warmer than average vintages in 2015 and 2016, expectations for 2017 were more of the same. Surprisingly, bud break came in the second half of April, two to three weeks later than 2015 and 2016, but typical timing for the northern Willamette Valley. May and early June wavered between showers and sun, which kept us guessing where 2017 was headed. Late June brought sunshine, clear skies, and warm temperatures that were ideal for flowering. By late July, crop estimates were showing that the average cluster was 25-30% larger than normal. This was the result of a warm initiation period in the summer of 2016, when the flowering structure is forming inside the bud, and the warm and dry flowering of 2017 that allowed for all the flowers to fertilize. August was busy with the crew reducing the crop, a heat wave in the 100s, and smoke hanging in the stratosphere from forest fires in the Columbia gorge. It looked like another hot end to a season and a sprint to harvest. However, temperatures returned to the low 80s and 70s in September, allowing flavors to build as Brix levels stabilized. Our sparkling blocks were picked in early September and still wine grapes were harvested from the end of September into the third week of October, just before the rains.

AROMA

magnolia, Bartlett pear, gardenia, white peach, jasmine, graham cracker, apple, straw

FLAVOR

Asian pear, Granny Smith apples, white peach, white tea

FINISH

dry, long, acid driven

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

roast chicken, Caesar salad, mussels, quince glazed pork chop, grilled squash, pan seared trout, bibimbap

Anne Amie is fully committed to sustainable farming and winemaking. The Anne Amie winery and all Anne Amie Estate Vineyards are Salmon Safe or LIVE certified.

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