

2016 PINOT GRIS COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition: Appellation: Bottled: Technical Data: Cases Produced: Production & Aging: 100% Pinot Gris Columbia Valley May 1, 2017 Alc. 13.0% by vol.; RS: 0.34%; TA: 6.12 g/L; pH: 3.25 3620 Stainless Steel Fermentation

THE VINTAGE

Warmer temperatures in Spring accelerated an early start to the 2016 growing season with our first crush taking place on August 22nd. Washington State experienced cooler temperatures midsummer which slowed ripening. The change in temperature controlled acid levels in the fruit while enhancing berry phenolics. It also lengthened the harvest for the season allowing our later varieties plenty of hang time and flavor development, with the last fruit being picked November 12th.

THE VINEYARD

Sourced from the award-winning Tudor Hills Vineyard in Washington state's Columbia Valley AVA.

THE WINEMAKING

Throughout harvest, Winemaker Richard Batchelor worked closely with local growers and visited each vineyard to taste for maturity and ripeness to determine the precise moment to pick the fruit. Grapes were hand-harvested during the cool hours of the morning to preserve bright fruit notes. This wine was fermented separately by block with different yeast strains to bring out the fruit structure and enhance the balanced mouthfeel for a lengthy finish showcasing the acidity.

TASTING NOTES

Rich nectarine and pear notes mingled with honey. Crisp fruit flavor is delivered at the front of the palate, while a slight cream texture fills in the finish.

AWARDS

Platinum, 2017 Platinum Wine Competition Best White, 2017 Washington State Wine Competition



Pacific Northwest Winery of the Year Wine Press Northwest, 2015 Winery of the Year San Francisco International, 2014 Top 10 Winery of the World World Association of Wine Writers & Journalists, 2014 Winemaker of the Year INDY International, 2013