



2017 PINOT GRIS COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition:	100% Pinot Gris
Appellation:	Columbia Valley
Bottled:	April 30, 2018
Technical Data:	Alc. 13.9% by vol.; RS: 0.31%; TA: 5.98 g/L; pH: 3.10
Cases Produced:	3,523
Production & Aging:	Stainless steel fermentation

THE VINTAGE

2017 was a warmer than average year and the growing season began slowly. Bud break occurred a couple of weeks later than usual, especially when compared to the last few harvests. The late bud break was due to the substantial cold weather that occurred in Washington State during the winter of 2016. Temperatures then rose dramatically in late June through July. The extreme heat caused vines to shut down, which further delayed harvest. Some grapes that are customarily picked early were harvested significantly later than historical dates, although this varied throughout the state. The upsides to the lengthened harvest were longer hang times and agreeable flavor development in the red varieties that need more time to age on the vine. In white varieties, acids were held which resulted in improved balance. Wines from this vintage will age longer if red, and whites will have more pronounced zing.

THE VINEYARD

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

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 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

Fresh with hints of melon, lemon, pear and granny smith apple on the nose. On the palate, notes of citrus and a hint of honey with balanced acidity, medium-body and a bright finish.

AWARDS

Double Gold/Best of Class; 2019 East Meets West Wine Challenge



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, 2019, 2018 & 2013