



## 2019 Estate Pinot Gris



Cristom Vineyards' Estate Pinot Gris vines were planted in 1993, with 2 acres (*2.06 hectares*) placed on a gentle, east-facing slope that begins at the lowest elevation on the property, greeting visitors as they enter the estate, and rising from 200 feet to 350 feet (61 m to 107 m). Our Pinot Gris vineyard is distinctive to the estate in that it is planted entirely over ancient flood deposits, known as Missoula Flood silts, and marine sediments. Planted at a high density of 1,815 vines/acre (*4,485 vines/hectare*), the Pinot Gris block has consistently produced a lifted, floral and citrus-tinged wine that combines zesty, mineral-driven accents with a distinctively creamy finish since its first release with the 1996 vintage.



### WINEMAKING

100% hand-harvested and hand-sorted fruit  
Gently pressed in a pneumatic bladder press  
Undergoes a full malolactic fermentation  
Aged on its lees in tank for 6 months  
Fined with Bentonite and filtered

### SOILS

Missoula Flood Sediments including Helmick and Woodburn.  
Marine Sediments including Wellsdale and Dupee

**ALC** 14%

**TA** 6.3 g/L

**pH** 3.08

### BOTTLED

March 5th, 2019

### PRODUCTION

394 cases

**Vintage Notes** Much like 2018, the 2019 vintage was one of the driest Winters and Springs ever on record. Beginning with some of the coldest weather we've had in years and lasting through March, the vintage eventually transitioned into a relatively moderate growing season, with bud break occurring near our long-term average of the first two weeks of April, and bloom the first two weeks of June. Unusual rainfall during the summer, when we're historically experiencing drought conditions, was welcomed during such a dry year, even though it can create farming challenges. We learned a great deal from the 2018 season, the driest on record, equipping us to better preserve small berries in the clusters without desiccation. Slight rains during harvest delayed the vintage slightly, but the rewards went to those who waited out the storms until dry weather the first week of October. We ended the season with 2,450 Growing Degree days (GDD), almost our exact 25-year average of 2,475 GDD, though the season seemed more temperate with the summer and harvest rains.



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