Iris
VINEYARDS



2020 Areté Pinot Gris

Willamette Valley

At Iris Vineyards we look to showcase the potential of Pinot Gris when planted in the proper place and in the hands of our dedicated growers and cellar staff.

Technical Data

VARIETIES 100% Pinot Gris
AVA Willamette Valley

TA 8.0g/L
RESIDUAL SUGAR 2.7g/L
ALCOHOL 12.0%
pH 3.11

ELEVAGE 100% 4-year old French oak puncheons
CLONES Dijon 146 and 152
VINEYARDS Chalice Estate Vineyards
SOIL TYPES Bellpine

HARVESTED September 2020
BOTTLED March 2021
CELLARING 1-5 years
RELEASED May 2022
CASES 269 six packs

WINEMAKER Aaron Lieberman
PROPRIETOR Pamela Frye

***SRP:** $34.99*

WINEMAKER NOTES

This wine is made to showcase the Pinot Gris grape. The fruit for this wine was picked from the far eastern edge of the vineyard where the vines compete for water and sunlight with nearby oak trees. The resulting wine is rich in flavor and high in acidity. While the acidity in our Willamette Valley Pinot Gris is balanced with a small amount of residual sugar, we accomplish this in our Areté Pinot Gris by fermenting in near neutral, 500-liter, French oak puncheons. Areté Pinot Gris is crisp with a strong mineral component yet generous with fruit flavors.

Vintage Description

The 2020 vintage had slightly warmer than average growing conditions following a warmer than average 2019 and 2018. Budbreak occurred late in April which is typical for our vineyard. Bloom occurred with somewhat unfavorable weather in the last week of June which led to a much lower than average fruit set and small berry size. From there on the season was near average in terms of precipitation and temperature through August. The fall ripening period was marked by extreme wildfires among otherwise excellent weather conditions. These conditions seem to have delayed ripening by about a week. Otherwise Pinot gris was unaffected as it is hand picked and whole cluster pressed.