



SCENIC VALLEY FARMS PINOT GRIS 2020

Cases: 665

AVA: Willamette Valley

Technical Data:

pH – 3.45

RS – 2.4 g/L

BRIX at Harvest – 21.7

Alcohol - 12.8%

Winemaking Notes: For the 2020 vintage, we fermented this wine with about 60% carbonic maceration, where we seal it in a container with dry ice to kick off a wild, anaerobic fermentation. The skin contact also creates the soft, copper color. We then added about 20% fully skin fermented ramato for complexity and depth, and another 20% whole cluster press to give the wine fresh fruit and varietal character. Aged for six months in 20% new Oregon Oak, the resulting wine shows the wide range of what a pinot gris can be, with the *terroir* and *zeitgeist* that could only come from a 21st century Willamette Valley Pinot Gris.

Vineyards:

50% Scenic Valley Vineyard, 200 ft. elevation, Marine Sedimentary soils, average vine age ~ 10 years

50% Hare Vineyard, 800 ft. elevation, red clay Jory soils, LIVE Certified, located in the hills of South Salem, average vine age ~ 25 years

Tasting Notes: Fresh lively floral aromas with accents of Oregon oak give way to a crisp wine that is smooth in texture with flavors of fleshy cherry and stone fruit. Soft and easy to drink, with just enough tannins to make it dynamic for food pairings.

Vintage Notes: The 2020 vintage was practically perfect from January 1st until September 1st. Bloom came with a bit of rain, making smaller clusters with more concentrated flavors. A mild summer gave us the low alcohol, high acid style that we love here at Scenic Valley, and set us up beautifully for an October harvest. Unfortunately, the Wildfires of 2020 happened a few weeks before harvest, and left an indelible mark on the vintage. Through a combination of vineyard and cellar practices, we did everything we could to minimize the smoke impact and highlight the fruit, earth, and oak flavors in our wine. Like the friends, neighbors, and strangers who rallied to help each other during the wildfires, we hope these wines will bring out something beautiful in the wake of tragedy.

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