

LANGE

ESTATE WINERY & VINEYARDS

2019 PINOT GRIS RESERVE

THE VINTAGE

"The vintage came on early with some warm days in April and May. Bud-break was on par with recent years and on the whole the summer was warm without excessive heat spikes. Autumn was devoid of the strong high pressure systems we've been accustomed to in recent years. This compelled additional planning on the part of our winemakers and vignerons. The fall weather pattern became clear early—dry sunny days, punctuated by a showery spell, then more sun. Our harvest started on September 14th, and was focused on whites. With patience and planning—just getting into the rhythm of the season—confident that our experience, and the experience of all our growers, would be manifest in sound, ripe grapes. This was indeed the case and we finished the harvest with our highest elevation Mia Block Pinot Noir on October 11th, nearly a month after we started." — Executive Winemaker, Don Lange

THE VINEYARD

This Pinot Gris incorporates fruit sourced from premier vineyards throughout Oregon's Northern Willamette Valley including our own Lange Estate vineyard, as well as Durant, Yamhill, and Tukwilla vineyards.

THE WINEMAKING

Lange Estate Winery was the fourth producer of Pinot Gris in the United States and has built a reputation for producing some of Oregon's best examples of this popular varietal. The Lange's made history by being the first New World producer to craft a barrel-fermented style in 1987. The grapes for our 2019 vintage were hand-picked and hand-sorted. Only free run juice was collected to make this wine, which was fermented in neutral French oak puncheons and concrete.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Straw hued, the 2019 Pinot Gris Reserve opens slowly, with a nose that expresses precise layers of baked apple, pear, fresh herbs, white flowers, and earth. In the mouth it's fresh and vivid, with partial fermentation in neutral oak contributing to a sense of mid-palate richness. A tightly coiled, acid-driven spine arcs across the palate, uncovering savory, mineral undertones.

ACCOLADES

2019 - 91 Points - Wine Enthusiast
2018 - 91 Points - Wine Enthusiast
2017 - 91 Points - Wine Enthusiast

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Gris
APPELLATION: Willamette Valley
PRODUCTION: 550 cases
ALCOHOL: 13.4%
RETAIL: \$28.00

