



A TO Z PINOT GRIS 2013

Appellation: Willamette Valley; Oregon; USA

Winemaker: Michael Davies
Closure: Screwcap
Alcohol: 13.0%

Wine

The 2013 A to Z Pinot Gris is a blend of the fruit from 26 different vineyards across Oregon offering a full orchestra of flavours. Individual components are fermented separately to enhance complexity and to highlight particular attributes for aromatics, flavours or textural qualities depending on the vineyard. Malolactic fermentation was intentionally blocked to retain freshness and purity of fruit.

Tasting Notes

The 2013 A to Z Pinot Gris has lifted aromas of honeysuckle, lemon zest, nutmeg and wet stone developing into richer aromas of lychee, beeswax and melon that add complexity to the nose. The attack is juicy and pure with bright citrus fruit flavors and mineral notes. Taut structure and a tight wire balance between ripeness and acidity frame a seamless mid-palate and lead to a long finish that ultimately ends crisp and clean with flavors of wet stone and jasmine green tea.

Vintage:

2013 started off with a dry winter and an early spring. The arid conditions were a concern for most dry farmers but rain in May topped up the soil to carry the vines through the rest of the season. Budburst and bloom in Southern Oregon and the Columbia Gorge was early and aided by warm, dry weather that allowed for a great set and higher than normal yields. The Willamette Valley was also early with bloom but experienced a series of fronts which reduced set and lowered yields at most sites. Late season weather in the Willamette Valley caused some logistical challenges at harvest but helped to slow down the ripening. The warm, dry summer combined with the early start to the season made for the development of great color, flavor, and tannin ripeness.

Winery:

Founded in 2001 by four friends from two families, Cheryl Francis, Sam Tannahill and Bill and Deb Hatcher. As a négociant, A to Z specializes in blending wines that achieve richness, harmony and complexity and express the essence of Oregon through each varietal.

