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2014 EYRIE VINEYARDS PINOT GRIS DUNDEE HILLS

THE WINE

The 2014 Pinot gris has complex aromas of fruit and stone mixed with honey. Enjoy rich, crisp and lively fruit in the mouth with a clean, lingering finish. This wine stands out for its balanced acid, long finish and the pure aromatics.

VITICULTURE AND WINEMAKING

Certified organic: 87%. Organic/Non-Certified Organically farmed: 13%.

Eyrie pioneered the variety in the New World and the New Worlds oldest vines contribute to this cuvée. For the 2014 vintage, we incorporated some fruit from an adjoining vineyard farmed by longtime friends, which is roughly the same age and is farmed with the same organic standards as Eyrie's certified vineyards.

We take a slow approach—our Pinot gris ages 3–4 times longer than most commercial versions, on its natural yeast lies and in the company of full maloactic. The result is textural suppleness to complement the acidity, and a surprising ability to age.

THE VINTAGE

Globally, 2014 was one of the hottest years of the last century. Oregon followed this trend towards warmer temperatures. Fortunately rainfall was above normal in the spring and fall, so vines didn't experience drought stress. Summer temperatures were consistently warm, but without any days of extreme heat.

Picking commenced on September 19th, making it our third earliest harvest ever. Ripeness was a fast-moving target. We had to pick quickly in order to preserve the natural acidity of the grapes. A year like 2014 offers easy fruit aromas and flavors; the secret is picking early enough to preserve the natural acidity and prevent over-ripeness. The wines have the density and opulence to reflect the vintage but kept their poise in the process.



TECHNICAL NOTES

FERMENTATION	<i>Small stainless steel tank</i>
PRODUCTION IN CASES	3,921
BOTTLING DATE	<i>August, 2015</i>
APPELLATION	<i>Dundee Hills, Oregon</i>
VINEYARD SOURCE	<i>Estate: Original Vines, Sisters, Rolling Green and Daphne Vineyards; Off-Estate: Tukwilla</i>
PH	3.31
TOTAL ACIDITY	5.3 g/L
ALCOHOL % BY VOLUME	13.5
RECOMMENDED RETAIL PRICE	\$20.50

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES & RAINFALL

