



2019 The Eyrie Vineyards PINOT GRIS ESTATE



THE VITICULTURE & VINIFICATION

Eyrie pioneered the variety in the New World and the New World's oldest vines contribute to this cuvée.

We take a slow approach—our Pinot gris ages 3-4 times longer than most commercial versions, on its natural yeast lees and in the company of full malolactic. The result is textural suppleness to complement the acidity, and a surprising ability to age. (Recent tastings of 1977, 1983, 1989, and 1991 all continue to show amazing freshness.)

THE VINTAGE

2019 was perhaps the most “Burgundian” growing season we have yet had. Typically the Willamette Valley features wet winters and dry summers, whereas Burgundy distributes its rain evenly throughout the year. In 2019 we had a more Burgundian pattern, with rain and cooler days scattered throughout the summer.

Vines make sugar from air, sunlight, and water. 2019's well-timed rains increased sweetness while still retaining acidity - which leads to some of the best qualities a wine can have: refreshing and food friendly when young, but with superb cellar potential.

2019 is remarkable for another reason. This vintage was our 50th pick, and our 55th year growing grapes. On September 24th, 1970, with the help of friends, the first generation of the Lett family picked their very first harvest. Now in the second generation, we started our pick in 2019 on September 24th as well, a fitting call-back as the Lett family enters our 6th decade of winemaking.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Average Vine Age:	29 years
Vineyard Certification:	Organic
Fermentation:	Stainless
Aging:	Sur Lies, 11 months
Production in cases:	3,069
Appellation:	Dundee Hills, Oregon
pH:	3.2
Total acidity:	5.8 g/L
Alcohol % by volume	13.48

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES & RAINFALL

