



2022 The Eyrie Vineyards

PINOT GRIS ESTATE



THE VITICULTURE

Viticulture at all the estate vineyards is certified organic. In addition, we practice regenerative no-till farming, with strict attention paid not just to the vines but to the healthy networks of soil organisms that support them. Not only does this approach avoid the need for artificial irrigation, but it also nourishes the vines without the need for additional fertilizer and captures atmospheric carbon.

THE 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, in its natural yeast lees and 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

The 2022 vintage reminded us that our vines retain an endless capacity to inspire awe and wonder. A series of warm days in March and early April inspired an unusually early budbreak, just in time for a late frost which killed many of the young buds. Our May estimates forecasted a 70% loss of crop. However, well-timed summer rains, perfect flowering conditions, and the vines' own resilience combined to bring our yields back from the brink. Yields were small, but not disastrously so. A dry summer and moderate temperatures in the fall gave us the opportunity to pick the first beautiful grapes of the season on October 7th. We completed the harvest on October 21st. The first autumn rains arrived the next day. The season had us in suspense, but we were rewarded with stunning fruit in 2022.

TECHNICAL NOTES



Appellation:	Dundee Hills
Vineyard Estates:	Sisters, The Eyrie, Roland Green and Daphne
Vineyard Certification:	Organic
Fermentation & Aging:	Steel tank, full native malo, 11 months sur lies
Production in Cases:	2008
Bottling Date:	August 2023
Alcohol % by Volume	13.42

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES & RAINFALL

