

2020 Pinot Gris

Willamette Valley AVA

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Editors' Choice
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Winemaker Notes

The nose is bright and inviting. Aromas of stone fruit, orange blossom and candied apple comprise the backbone of this 2020 Pinot Gris. Upon taking your first sip the palate is luscious and juicy as flavors of white peach, honeydew, and mandarin sweep across. Subtle vanilla and crisp minerality finish off this refreshing summertime wine that is perfect for long days relaxing on the patio.

Technical Notes

Harvest: 10/7/20
Brix at Harvest: 21.5°
pH: 3.26
Alcohol: 13.5%
Residual Sugar: 3 g/L
Grapes: 98% Pinot Gris, 2% Gewurztraminer
Notes: Orange blossom, Honeydew, White Peach, Mandarin and HoneyComb

The Vintage

In his 20+ years farming fruit in Oregon, winemaker Laurent Montalieu has cultivated an extensive grower network with access to a number of prestigious vineyards in each sub-AVA of the Willamette Valley. As a result, the Soléna viticultural and winemaking teams spent countless hours monitoring the development of grapes throughout the region and selected fruit from only the best plots available.

Yields were slightly decreased due to early spring temperature fluctuations. Light April frost reduced budding by a fractional amount, and June bloom was tempered by cooler and wetter weather than desired. This led to smaller berries and the loss of some clusters. When the moisture abated, the lead-up to harvest was mild, allowing a lengthy phenolic ripening period and concentrated fruit due to the smaller berries and yield. Slow hangtime on the vine is always a good thing, and the 2020 vintage is shaping up to compete with the best of them.

The Soléna Story

After successful careers in the Oregon wine industry, the husband and wife team of Laurent Montalieu and Danielle Andrus Montalieu purchased an 80-acre estate to commemorate their marriage in 2000. In May 2002, they launched Soléna by bottling their first vintage of Domaine Danielle Laurent Pinot Noir and, shortly thereafter, opening a tasting room in Carlton. Soléna is the combination of the French and Spanish words soleil and luna, celebrating the sun and the moon, and the name that Laurent and Danielle gave to their daughter. Soléna Estate began as a way to explore winemaking with other varietals grown in neighboring appellations while the family's young Domaine Danielle Laurent vineyard in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA matured. In May 2007, Danielle and Laurent added the spectacular Hyland Vineyard in the McMinnville AVA to their estate vineyard holdings. Today Laurent and Danielle are producing world-class Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from their estate vineyards.

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