



2023 RIDGECREST OLD VINE ESTATE PINOT GRIS

RIDGECREST VINEYARDS | RIBBON RIDGE AVA | WILLAMETTE VALLEY | OREGON

ABOUT THE VINEYARDS

Ridgecrest Vineyards is dry-farmed sustainably according to **LIVE** (Low Input Viticulture & Enology) standards.

Established - 1980 | Planted - 1982 - current | Elevation - 480 - 690ft | Acreage - 120 total, 41 planted | Soils - Marine Sedimentary

The 2-acre block of own-rooted Pinot Gris for this wine was planted in 1985, making them truly "old vines".

VINTAGE NOTES

2023: Return to Normal: Average Becomes

We've had several unusual vintages recently, e.g., 2022 (hard freeze), 2021 (hot, hot hot) and 2020 (wildfire smoke). 2023 pleasantly showed us a recent, relative normalcy, albeit warm.

Only two harvests in the last ten have begun earlier, 2023 starting September 11, a full 30 days earlier than our average the first 15 vintages this century.

Vineyard vigor, growth and ripening were strong in this Summer, with only 2015 having more over-80F days and only 2019 having more rainfall. Cropload yields were slightly smaller by 15% than the all-varietal 2.52 ton-per-acre 5-year average, with disease pressure very low except for a couple late-held varieties and general quality very good to exceptional—and that we'd like to see become normal. - *Harry*

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our Ridgecrest 2023 Old Vine Pinot Gris encompasses the Yin and Yang of this beautiful grape. The Yin is subtle, smooth and oily in texture, showing buttery brioche, chamomile, beeswax, baked apples, white flowers, and vanilla. The Yang of this wine is vibrant, with bright acid at the core, grapefruit zest, lemon tart, sea spray, white pepper, and a pithy textural finish. The balance of Yin and Yang in this Gris brings us as close to Zen as we can hope for, in an easy, approachable, delicious Spring white wine. - *Wynne*

TECHNICAL DATA

AbV - 14.1% | **RS** - 2.0 g/L | **TA** - 6.9 g/L | **pH** - 3.12

AGING - 5 months | 100% neutral French oak

PRODUCTION - 132 cases

RELEASE - APRIL 2024

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Harry Peterson-Nedry | Founder

When we first set foot on Ribbon Ridge in 1980, we knew it was something special. There was an indefinable magic to the place, in the low-slung, rolling hills that rise and fall like the breath of a slumbering child. It was undeniably alive, and bursting with potential.

In 1980 folks thought we were just plain nuts to plant wine grapes on that chilly rise located on the western edge of the Willamette Valley. The common thought at the time was that the site was situated too far west for grapes - too windy, too foggy, too cool.

We naively followed our gut, planting the first vineyard on what would one day become one of the premier wine appellations in Oregon, the Ribbon Ridge AVA. Ridgecrest Vineyards did not disappoint. Early barrel samples were encouraging. We studied it, continued to plant, and dug deeply.

Crafting our cellar-worthy RR wines since 2002, we know these vineyards – the ins and outs, strengths, and peculiarities of each and every block. We've done our homework.

Now, it's recess. We're ready to come out and play.*

Our new RIDGECREST label allows us to do just that – to experiment with all of those blocks, lots, and barrels that beg our attention every harvest – the ones we are loathe to blend with others, because they are just so damned intriguing. Pinot Noir will be the mainstay, with supporting roles played by Gamay Noir, Grüner Veltliner, Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris and Riesling.



Wynne Peterson-Nedry | Winemaker/Proprietor



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*as much as two nerdy chemists have the capacity to do.