

Estate 2020 Pinot Gris

Blue Grouse
ESTATE WINERY and VINEYARD

Viticulture and Composition

Geographical Indication (GI): Vancouver Island
Sub GI: Cowichan Valley

Pinot Gris 100% | Cowichan Valley – Blue Grouse Estate
Harvest Date: October 8, 2020 · Brix 21 · TA 7.8

Vineyard Notes

Our Pinot Gris vines are among the oldest on the Island (up to 35 years old) and now produce low volumes of high-quality fruit. Found in two blocks both having southwest aspects, the grapes are 100% organically farmed using no/minimal till cover crop rotations, minimal irrigation, full leaf stripping and crop thinning to hit peak phenolic ripeness. The Fairbridge soils vary from fractured silt-loam to gravel and sand. The grapes were hand harvested with a yield of 3.3 tons per acre. The 2020 growing season was rainy and cool overall. The 5th coolest year in the last 12 in the Valley. When we harvested our grapes, they had a good flavour profile with bright acidity.

Winemaker's Notes

This wine was developed in two parts, with 40% of the grapes going into two-year-old French Barriques and a one-year-old 500L French Puncheon. These fermented slow and cool over a 4-week period and then went through spontaneous malolactic fermentation with a total of 8 months in oak. The remaining grapes were fermented over 20 days in stainless steel tanks, then rested on lees for another 3 months before spontaneous malolactic fermentation. The wine was cold settled and left on fine lees for 4 months when it was blended with the barrel portion. After bottling, we aged the wine for an additional 4 months. We expect it will develop further in the bottle and age for 3-5 years.

Profile & Food Pairing

This mature vine Pinot Gris, which went through full malolactic fermentation, boasts aromas of caramel butterscotch with a medium long finish and fresh green apple acidity. The wine has depth and body from the 40% in oak exposure. Enjoy on its own or with chicken (roisserie or spicy jerk).

ALC 12.9% — PH 3.1 — TA 6.4 — RS 0.9 — VQA

BOTTLING DATE June 2021 — PRODUCTION 250 cases

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