

# CHEHALEM

## 2015 Ridgecrest Vineyards Pinot Gris

Ribbon Ridge AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon

### WINEMAKERS' NOTES

This single vineyard Pinot Gris from Ridgecrest Vineyards is an example of how versatile this white grape can be. This wine has a sense of sophistication. Ripe stone fruit with hints of honey suckle and rose blossom give a concentrated aromatic presence. Structurally on the palate, the mouthfeel is full. The weight that seems to linger is extended by right, juicy acid that draws the finish out until your next sip.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2015 vintage was slightly different in early growing season timing from 2014, but the final effect was the same, big heat, big crop and big expectations. The acids are down, the alcohols are hovering around 14% and the work we did to minimize over-extraction resulted in more elegant wines than a hot vintage deserves. Similar to 2014, the fruit was impeccably clean and devoid of disease. Four progressively warmer vintages, we will just learn to count higher—more heat, more fruit, more, more!

### TECHNICAL NOTES

#### COMPOSITION

100% Estate-Grown Pinot Gris from Ridgecrest Vineyards

#### HARVEST

Harvested 9/18 and 9/19/2015 at 23.7-23.8 brix, 5.1-5.2 g/L TA and 3.39-3.42 pH from 2.0-4.0 tons per acre croplod

#### FERMENTATION AND ELEVAGE

Fermented in neutral French oak barrels with X5, VL1, VL2, VL3, Xtreme and native yeasts | Aged 8 months in barrel

#### BOTTLING

Cold stabilized, crossflow and sterile filtered | Bottled 6/13/2016 | 14.2% alcohol, 6.8 g/L TA, 3.11 pH and 0.5% RS

#### RELEASE

170 cases | SRP \$25 | April 2018



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