

Phelps Creek

VINEYARDS

2018 Pinot Gris, Columbia Gorge

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Phelps Creek is nestled amongst the foothills of Mt Defiance at 1200 feet elevation and is the most westerly vineyard on the Oregon side of the Columbia Gorge AVA. Established in 1990, our small boutique winery focuses on estate grown Pinot Noir and Chardonnay varietals, annually producing 5,000 cases of wine in total. Vineyard care takes center stage in our wine production, where sustainable agricultural practices combined with careful management of the fruit yields on the vines lead to the noted luxurious intensity within our bottle.

WINEMAKER COMMENT

We combine our limited amount of estate fruit with Pinot Gris grown on Washington's Underwood Mountain. Both vineyards are within eyesight of each other across the Columbia River. The cool climate cultivation results in beautiful acid balance. Our volcanic soils add spice and mineral elements. The portion of the wine fermented in barrel brings texture to the mouthfeel.

VINTAGE

The 2018 season proceeded slightly compressed due to a stretch of mid-summer heat. Harvest began late September with ideal conditions of sunny skies, cool days, and cold nights—allowing fruit to ripen incrementally. Ultimately the vintage might sear into memory for its stunningly long, beautiful fall encompassing most of October.

TASTING NOTES

High elevation fruit brings beautifully bright acidity, balanced with sweet notes of green apple and pear laced with a hint of lavender and thyme on the nose. 20% élevage in neutral French Oak barrel to enhance texture. Structured to age and develop further intensity in the bottle.

BOTTLE NOTES

Bottling date: 04/17/19	Alc: 13.0
Whole Cluster Press	Brix at Harvest: 22.8°
Stainless Tank Fermentation 90%	Total Acidity 6.4 g/L
French Barrel Élevage 10% Neutral	Residual Sugar .5%
	Case Produced: 137

