

RIBBON RIDGE WINERY



2020 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

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

VINTAGE NOTES

Winemaking gets tested some years, like 2020. All the climate and grapegrowing underpinnings for greatness were there: good but not overpowering heat and little rain. Weather was not the test on winery skills, dealing with climate's first-time effects from wildfire was the test.

And, we once again found that Place Matters. Distant wildfires had an impact on aromas, flavors and textures to varying degrees based on place. Grape varieties and how they are made left some wines unaffected, others needing ingenuity to dodge it. White wines were unscathed if made well, red wines benefited from a lighter touch in extraction and calling lucky sites, like Ridgecrest, home.

How great will 2020 be—close to perfect growing season, concentrated fruit from low yields—how a wisp of campfire is embraced maybe being the key? Grapegrowing is farming after all, winemaking an attempt at alchemy.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This is not your kids' Pinot Gris! No, really, that would be illegal in many cases, but you know what we mean. Pinot Gris for us is a dry, luscious, fleshy, textured wine, not just a fruit bomb, and no-no to all that sugar. The color is a rich blonde/yellow, like a lighter version of liquid gold, and the aromas are that of warm lemon curd, kiwi fruit, and peach pit. A pensive wine on the palate, with rich baked shortbread and honeydew melon, and a round, supple finish. Our Gris finishes with texture that makes a glass by itself more interesting, and a glass with food more integrated. Great in any circumstance, except maybe with an ice-cube?

TECHNICAL DATA

ABV - 13.9% | **RS** - 0.6 g/L
TA - 6.9 g/L | **pH** - 3.13

AGING - 6 months Neutral French Oak

PRODUCTION - 174 CASES

RELEASE - MAY 2021

ENJOY - NOW - 2029





A dad, a daughter, and a hill.



Harry Peterson-Nedry | Founder



Wynne Peterson-Nedry | Winemaker/Proprietor



Ridgecrest Vineyards, Ribbon Ridge AVA,
Willamette Valley, Oregon

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, Pinot Gris and Riesling.

Harry Peterson-Nedry

Wynne Peterson-Nedry



*Follow our progress from barrel to bottle,
from yurt to winery at ribbonridgewinery.com.*

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