



RIBBON RIDGE
WINERY



2022 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

2022 restores your faith in Mother Nature's capacity to take a poor start and finish well, grape plants revealing their inherent resilience to rebound from nearly disastrous weather events.

In late April, buds were open and vulnerable when a hard and killing freeze settled in. Normally, if vines are damaged, grapes rely on secondaries to replace primary buds. But, this time the extent of the damage was extensive, with secondaries damaged too, so that we anticipated only a yield of 40% of normal, approximately 1 ton per acre.

Growing season weather however cooperated to boost secondary and tertiary buds, with the third highest heat accumulation in 26 years, focused at the end of the growing season, October averaging highs of 72F, with nine days warmer than 80F.

Crop load yielded 85% of normal rather than 40% we feared. Whew!

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We love our small-batch, attention-to-detail Pinot Gris. Nothing speaks louder than old vines doing what they do best, giving us wonderfully balanced fruit and fermenting easily in neutral French oak, to show us fleshy, juicy, round, bright Gris!

On the nose it's like Summer line-dried clean sheets meets vanilla Oreo cookie, with juicy Asian Pear, orange zest, and candied ginger. The palate is lightly saline, with a waxy round texture on the mid-palate, some length, and a nice zing of acid towards the finish.

The 2022 Old Vine Pinot Gris is perfectly balanced and seems like it will age well for decades.

TECHNICAL DATA

AbV - 13.7% | **RS** - 1.2 g/L

TA - 6.9 g/L | **pH** - 3.22

AGING - 5 months | 85% neutral French oak 15% stainless steel

PRODUCTION - 105 cases

RELEASE - APRIL 2023

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93 WINE ENTHUSIAST "Cellar Selection"



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, Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris and Riesling.

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