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## technical data

Appellation  
Oregon

Varietal Composition  
Pinot Gris

Cellar Treatment  
100% Stainless Steel

pH  
3.17

Titratable Acidity  
6.7 g/L

Alcohol  
12.96% by vol.

Residual Sugar  
1.06%

Vineyard Sources  
100% Willamette Valley

Cases Produced  
1141 cases

Bottle Size  
750 mL

Release Date  
May 2009



# KINGS RIDGE

2008 oregon pinot gris

## the wine

We look to France for inspiration for Kings Ridge Pinot Gris with the intention of making a more richly textured white wine. We carefully choose vineyards in cool parts of the Willamette Valley that have significant daily temperature swings. We believe this helps to give ripeness and concentration to the fruit while preserving freshness and vibrant acidity.

We harvest these vineyards in the cool early morning, and then gently press the whole clusters to coax the juice through the skins of the grapes. The Pinot Gris juice undergoes a long, cool fermentation in stainless steel tanks. The resulting wine is aged on its lees to build weight and body, and is bottled in late winter to preserve the delicate aromatics.

The 2008 Kings Ridge Pinot Gris has a vibrant aroma profile consisting of stone fruits, citrus rind, palm sugar and a hint of vanilla bean. Flavors of green apple and pear lead into gooseberries and slate on the finish. Crisp acidity brings the wine together providing excellent balance.

## the vintage

The 2008 vintage was characterized by everything happening later than normal. Bud-break was slow to start in the Willamette Valley. By bloom we were warming up, but not able to overcome the cool and wet winter. As we entered into mid-September, unstable weather arrived in the Northwest.

We had rain and unseasonably cool weather heading out of September, but Mother Nature was kind to us in October, as we had mild temperatures and dry weather through the month, which allowed fruit to hang and ultimately develop under almost perfect conditions.



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