



# CHALK HILL

ESTATE BOTTLED

## 2021 NORTH SLOPE PINOT GRIS

Mature vines on the coolest site on the Chalk Hill Estate give us the intensely flavored fruit for our North Slope Pinot Gris. The grapes are picked at their optimal ripeness and are handled with great care during the winemaking process. Two classic Alsatian clones provide distinctly different flavor and textural components to the blend. Barrel fermentation and aging in neutral French oak enhance the wine's complexity.

The 2021 vintage was warmer than average with little rainfall leading to a relatively early bud-break. Warm temperatures continued into summer setting the stage for full ripening, fresh acidity and beautifully balanced fruit. Elegant aromas of blossoming white flowers, lemon peel and ripe pear are vibrant in our 2021 Pinot Gris. The palate offers refreshing flavors of Meyer lemon and a touch of honey, leading to a lovely crisp finish with balanced acidity. Great on a warm summer day as an apéritif or paired with fresh seafood and vegetables.

### HARVEST

*Harvest Dates:* SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

*Average Yields:* 1.77 TONS / ACRE

*Average Brix at Harvest:* 24.4°

### FERMENTATION / BARREL

WEEKLY BÂTONNAGE FOR 8 WEEKS, THEN MONTHLY

NO MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION

*Cooperage:* 50% FRENCH OAK (NEUTRAL), 50% STAINLESS STEEL

*Barrel Aging:* 5 MONTHS

### WINE

*Blend:* 100% PINOT GRIS

*Bottling Date:* MARCH 30, 2022

*pH:* 3.47     *TA:* 5.84 G/L     *Alcohol:* 14.9%

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