



## SWEET CHEEKS WINERY & VINEYARD

### 2016 Reserve Pinot Gris

APPELLATION : Willamette Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION : 100% Pinot Gris

HARVEST DATE(S) : September 19th, 2016

VINEYARD SOURCES : Sweet Cheeks Winery & Vineyard- Thelma Block

COOPERAGE : 50% stainless steel for 7 months to retain freshness of the wine. 50% French oak and malolactic fermentation. The color comes from leaving the berries in contact with the skin overnight.

BOTTLING DATE : June 16th , 2017

CASE PRODUCTION : 355 cases

WINE ANALYSIS : pH : 3.51 | TA : 4.7 g/L | Alcohol : 13.7% | RS : 4.3 g/L

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2016 Reserve Pinot Gris is a sophisticated take on a Pinot Gris. Half of the juice was fermented in a stainless steel tank, while the other half was fermented in French oak barrels creating a white wine with excellent texture and complexity. Elegant flavors of peach, ripe apricot and caramel lead into delicate mineral notes.

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### HARVEST OVERVIEW

The 2016 growing season in Oregon mimicked the previous few vintages with one of the earliest bud breaks yet. Spring came quickly with warm days that turned into temperate summer months. Bloom saw a miniature heat wave that tapered the size and set of the fruit. Though the growing season got off to an early start, the more even summer temperatures slowed things and allowed the fruit to develop thoroughly with delectable complexity and intense flavor. The vintage resulted in, once again, extraordinary fruit quality, but with yields closer to pre-2014 vintages.

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Our passion is to create wines that reflect the beauty surrounding us in the Southern Willamette Valley. We believe in producing exceptional wines through gentle processing. Each vintage is unique and we invite you to experience it.



Established as a vineyard in 1978, the 55 acre estate vineyard sits on 140 acres of prime sloping hillside in the Southern region of the Willamette Valley wine appellation.