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Vitae Springs Vineyard

Pinot gris

Willamette Valley • Oregon

Produced and Bottled By
St. Innocent Winery, Salem, Oregon
Alcohol 13.5% by Volume.
Contains Sulfites
750ml

2014 Pinot gris

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Release Date: September 1, 2015

Retail Price: \$22.00

Production: 770 cases

Crop Level: 2.3 tons/acre

**Harvested: September 30
& October 7**

Bottled: June 2015

Alcohol: 13.5%

**Suggested Pairings:
Salmon, pork, grilled
veggies, spicy dishes (Thai,
Vietnamese, Cajun)**

**Aging Recommendations:
Up to 8 years**

**Available Bottlings:
• 750 mL Bottles**

Vineyard Notes

Vitae Springs Vineyard established in 1986 and expanded in 1999, is located in the rolling hills five miles south of Salem, Oregon. The grapes come from two blocks. The original planting is at the base of the Home Block on a warm south-facing slope of well-drained Jory clay at an average elevation of 600'. The more recent Inwood Block is planted on a steeper hillside on thinner, volcanic Nekia soil running from 600-760'.

Production Notes

This Pinot gris is produced in an Alsatian style to bring out ripe fruit and spice flavors without the influence of barrel aging. After whole cluster pressing and settling, the must was tank fermented, aged for eight months on the lees, and lightly filtered before bottling.

Vintage Notes

The 2014 season began with sunny and warm spring weather. Bloom occurred in the second week of June, about 10-14 days earlier than normal. Good weather during bloom set a normal to large crop requiring thinning at about half of our vineyard sites where we removed 20-50% of the clusters. The summer continued to be warm with more 90°+ days than normal. July was humid, increasing the mildew pressure requiring extra vigilance in the vineyard. We began the harvest for our Oeil de Perdrix on September 12, Chardonnay on the 17th and the first Pinot noir on the 19th, picking 33 tons in just one day. The last Pinot noir from Temperance Hill Vineyard arrived on 10/8 and the final Pinot blanc from Freedom Hill Vineyard arrived on 10/10. This was our largest harvest ever, picking 240 tons and making 13,200 cases of wine. In general, the fruit was clean, ripe, and very flavorful creating bright, pleasurable wines.

Tasting Notes

Vitae Springs Vineyard has concentrated ground spice notes and a bit of chili pepper-like heat along with pear, apple, melon, and hints of orange peel aromas. Apple, pear, and melon flavors are backed by a core of minerality. There's a strong backbone of fresh acidity and its fruit is balanced with spice and minerals. Completely dry, it is both textural and persistent in the mouth.