



## 2018 Embody Pinot Gris

### Risdall Ranch Shafer Vineyard Forest Grove, Willamette Valley, Oregon Pinot Gris - Block 1

Northwest of Forest Grove, in the foot-hills of the coast range mountains. This vineyard was planned in 1973, on its own roots in silty clay loams of the Tualatin River Valley. The block sits at 350 feet elevation with a southwest open exposure. The vineyard is dry-farmed and sustainably farmed by the Risdall Family.

#### Vintage

Not exactly a return to normal, as the spring and summer were some of the warmest and driest on record, but there were no real heat spikes and the season was longer due to the cool autumn weather. That allowed grapes to hang and develop complex flavors on the vine while retaining fresh acidity.

#### Winemaking

Whole cluster bunches were foot-tread in the picking bins to allow for skin contact of the juice. A low pressure pressing was made and the juice settled for 36 hours. Fermentation was carried out in 500L French Oak puncheons and one 10 Hectoliter stainless steel tank. The puncheons are specifically sourced for 3 yr seasoned, tight-grain wood that was water washed during the bending stage, thus enhancing the wine structure while not over-powering with oaky characters. The vessels were blended to create a final harmony of the two styles.

Production: 140 cases

#### The Label

The reward of an artisan is to bring a vision into tangible form. In our creation of this Pinot Gris, we believe we have embodied the highest expression of its form. The sense of energy coming from the core of the forms, brings to light the texture and body of the wine.