

# ERATH

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*the Art of Pinot*

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*Sweet Harvest*

PINOT GRIS  
WILLAMETTE VALLEY 2016

ALC 7.5% BY VOL

## Sweet Harvest 2016 Pinot Gris

*“Fragrant and fruit-forward notes of juicy honeydew melon, pear, lime zest and summery nasturtium blooms captivate the senses. The palate is bursting with more melon, peaches and cream, banana, orange sherbet and Rainier cherry. Bright and ripe, the finish is clean and lusciously persistent.”*



Gary Horner, Erath winemaker

APPELLATION  
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD  
KNIGHT'S GAMBIT

HARVEST  
September 19

ALCOHOL  
7.5 %

T.A.  
0.80 gm/100ml

PH  
3.42

R.S.  
23.4 gm/100ml

CASES PRODUCED  
79 FCE

### WINE OVERVIEW

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Our Pinot Gris is harvested at the peak of ripeness, quickly frozen and then slowly pressed over several days extracting the sweetest most concentrated juice from the fruit. The nectar-like juice is fermented over several months in small temperature controlled stainless steel vessels.

### VINEYARD OVERVIEW

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Planting at Knight's Gambit vineyard began in 1988 with the most recent planting completed in 2001. Today the vineyard covers 34 acres ranging from 650-1,000 feet in elevation and contains nine individual blocks matched to variety, soil conditions and slope. Pinot Gris was planted at the 1,000 foot elevation in order to ripen the fruit under cooler conditions translating to retention of acidity and tropical fruit flavor and aromas.

### VINTAGE OVERVIEW

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The 2016 growing season rocketed to the earliest start in recent history. An early warm spring transitioned to an even-keeled but warm summer. A welcome cooling trend towards the end of the ripening period spread harvest across four well-ordered weeks. Harvest began August 25 and lasted until September 27 under perfect conditions.

Fruit quality was exceptional, producing balanced wines that despite the warm and early season, maintained acidity with moderate alcohol. The result is excellent color, plush tannin and purity in the reds and classic varietal character in the whites.