



## 2007 Pinot Gris

Oregon growers introduced this variety to American Viticulture because this vine grows in the same region or “terroir” as Pinot Noir. Pinot Gris ( or Pinot Grigio, as it is known in Italy) is a “white” variant or mutation of Pinot Noir. Cardwell Hill Cellars 2007 Pinot Gris is produced from fruit grown in the verdant Willamette Valley of Oregon. The vineyard uses sustainable agriculture practices to produce premium quality fruit.

A state of the art automated press is utilized in whole cluster pressing of the fruit. The juice is then cold soaked for 24 hours and racked off the lees before fermentation. Primary fermentation is achieved in stainless steel equipment followed by cold stabilization.

Vineyard: Meridian Estates  
Vinifera: UCD #1  
Harvested: October 11, 2007  
Brix 21.5  
Alcohol: 12.2%  
pH 3.3  
R.S. 0.65  
No malolactic fermentation  
Bottled February 7, 2008  
Production 476 cases

This wine has a lovely light straw color with an intense floral nose. Subtle apple and citrus flavors combine with pineapple and a trace of minerality. This finish is long and soft with continued notes of citrus combined with slight flintiness. The wine has an excellent acid balance with a touch of residual sweetness.

This Pinot Gris is a perfect accompaniment to lighter fare such as salads and seafood. When appropriately chilled, it can be served as an alternative to sparkling wine for a party or reception. Drink by 2010.