

Margerum Wine Company 2012 Klickitat Pinot Gris American

The Klickitat Pinot Gris vines are located on the eastern foothills of the Cascade Mountains, in Klickitat County, Washington, pushing the boundaries of extreme cool climate viticulture. It is blended with Columbia River AVA fruit grown on the underwood plateau.

The Klickitat Pinot Gris is a blend of 75% Dampier Vineyard and 25% Margerum Ranch Vineyard

Vineyard Region: Klickitat County, Washington

Appellation: American. This is because we grow the fruit in Washington but make the wine in California and they are non-contiguous states.

Vintage Conditions: 2012 harvest posed similar problematic climatic conditions characteristic with this region as with previous years. Cool, wet growing season made it challenging to achieve full ripeness throughout the vineyards. Rigorous bunch sorting and selection ensured only the best fruit was included in the blend.

Maturation: Fermented and matured in stainless steel for 3 months.

Wine Analysis: Alcohol 13.6%, pH 3.10, and TA 7.9g/L.

Production: 1,100 cases

Winemaker

Winemaker comments:

Color: Green tinged, bright and vibrant.

Aroma: Pure, focused aromas of lime, orange blossom, lift from the glass flooding the senses. Hints of red apple skin and white blossoms add to the ethereal experience.

Palate: Tight, lean, poised. Crisp green apple acidity, with citrus flavors of tangerine and blood orange add weight to the linear, focused acidity. A slight touch of residual sugar balances out the tartness of the natural acidity although the wine finishes dry.

Peak Drinking: Now-2018+