

Lone Birch Pinot Gris 2018

COUNTRY

United States

REGION

Washington State

PRODUCER

Airfield Estates

ABV

12

GRAPE VARIETY

Pinot Gris

TASTING NOTE

Wonderfully enticing aromas of tropical fruit. A medium-bodied wine with luscious flavours of pineapple, pear, white peach and zesty citrus fruit. A refreshing and bright Pinot Gris from the Yakima Valley.

PRODUCER INFORMATION

Airfield Estates is a fourth-generation family farm based in the Yakima Valley in Washington State. They cultivate a wide range of premium grapes and craft estate-grown wines of exceptional quality and value.

As the name suggests, Airfield Estates has ties to aviation. A portion of the family property operated was a training base for hundreds of Army Air Corps pilots during WWII.

Established in 1968, the estate was one of the first commercial vineyards in Washington State. Its founder, H. Lloyd Miller, had an immense love for trees and planted 24 birch trees strategically around the farm. Over the years most of the original trees disappeared, with the exception of one. This lone birch has become a cherished landmark on the family's farm. Today, this tree stands guard over the vineyards, which lie beneath its limbs and is the inspiration behind their Lone Birch wines.

VINEYARD

Pinot Gris is a cool climate variety so these vines are situated in the coldest area of Lone Birch's Black Rock Vineyard. Planted in 2007, this vineyard block resides in the flood plane of Black Rock Creek. The vineyard is Southwesterly oriented, has gently sloping silty loam soil, and because of the flood plane, it is quite shallow.

WINEMAKING

The goals for this wine were fruit-focused aromatics and crisp acidity. This style is best achieved in a stainless steel tank to preserve fruitiness. The winemaking begins with a pre-sort to make sure only ideal clusters are vinified. After this, the grapes go straight to press as whole clusters. The juice is pumped to tank where it is settled for 48 hours before racking to a new tank to start fermentation. After fermentation and filtering, the wine is then bottled under screw cap.

