



## 2015 Roots Estate Vineyard Pinot Gris

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**Harvested:** 9/15/15

**Brix:** 23.5

**Alcohol:** 13.2%

**Fermentation:** Native

**Aging:** 5 months

**Barrels:** N/A (Stainless steel)

**Bottled:** 2/8/16

**Production:** 98 cases

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### The Vineyard

Roots Vineyard lies on a ridge just east of the sleepy town of Yamhill. Soils are primarily Willakenzie, which is sedimentary in origin. Throughout the heart of the vineyard is a vein of iron oxide, that lends to a deep color and rich mineral notes. **AVA:** Yamhill-Carlton. **Established:** 1999 and 2000. **Elevation:** 450 to 600 feet. **Size:** 8 acres. **Clones:** Dijon 113, 114, 115, and 777. **Owners:** Chris and Hilary Berg.

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### The Vintage

Oregon experienced another extraordinary, nearly ideal growing season in 2015. The vintage began with warm weather conditions in the winter that continued throughout spring and summer. Light scattered showers in late August and a return to normalcy in September gave a break to what was an intense growing season. The result was concentrated, balanced fruit. The 2015 vintage started with bud break in March, two to three weeks early depending on the region and vineyard site. The early trend continued with higher than normal temperatures through spring, which created exceptional conditions for bloom, flower and fruit set. As spring gave way to summer, conditions continued to be warmer than usual and consequentially grape clusters were far larger than typical. Most growers chose to slow down ripening by leaving extra fruit on the vine. Throughout the state, harvest started around Aug. 26, making 2015 one of the earliest harvests on record. The growing conditions from bud break through harvest paved the way for virtually pristine fruit with minimal signs of disease and no fear of pest or bird effects. Most wineries reported higher-than-normal yields, resulting from decisions made in the vineyard and larger-than-normal clusters.

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### The Philosophy

Roots winemaker/owner Chris Berg has been making wine professionally since 2000. He crafts terroir-driven wines — expressive of the soil, climate and geography — using native fermentation in the winery and sustainable methods in the vineyard. The result? Wines of finesse and complexity.

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### Roots Wine Company

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