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Sibling rivalry never tasted so good! Acclaimed Oregon Winemaker Ryan **Michael** Harms and his brother Eric **Christopher** Harms have developed a reputation for delivering quality wine at a great value. The Harms brothers seek out high quality fruit from reputable growers, in well established growing regions, and create wines with typicity of varietal and vineyard.

Ryan then continues with his meticulous style of winemaking to produce, yet again, delicious wines that over deliver on flavor for the price. These are wines that can be enjoyed any day of the week with any number of siblings.



2009 Christopher Michael Oregon Pinot Gris

Winemaker's Notes

Site selection is so important in finding the best grapes. For us at Christopher Michael the Willamette Valley's higher elevation climates show case what is possible for Pinot Gris. Harvest in mid October under blue skies, the 2009 vintage has produced some wonderful fruit.

The fruit was whole cluster pressed and settled for 24 hours before being racked into small stainless steel tanks for fermentation. Once the wine warmed to 50 degrees Fahrenheit the juice was inoculated with a selection of my favorite Pinot Gris yeast. Over the next 60 days the ferments filled the winery with beautiful aromatic esters of tropical fruits and white flowers. As the ferment made its final turn toward dryness we looked for the perfect point of balance between acid and sugar and cool the ferment in order to hold that moment in time. The wines were held on their gross lees until a week before bottling which occurred in June following harvest.

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■ Refreshing Pinot Gris with flavors of pear, peaches and crisp acidity that makes this wine the perfect patio sipper.