



SRP: \$15
CASES: 450

Klee

2014 KLEE PINOT GRIS

VINTAGE

The 2014 vintage in Oregon may be remembered as the vintage of a lifetime. From bud break through harvest, growers and winemakers experienced an almost ideal growing season, delivering a record amount of exceptional, balanced fruit. Root's own estate and its family of growers were no exception. The growing season, and ultimately harvest, was an average of two weeks ahead of schedule. With mostly dry and warmer-than-normal growing conditions throughout the spring and continuing through summer, the 2014 vintage broke the previous record for heat accumulation set in 2006. We were able to harvest in almost pristine conditions with no signs of disease and minimal fear of pest or bird effects.

VINEYARD

Planted in 1995, Dampier Vineyard is located in the Columbia Gorge AVA in the town of Underwood, Washington. The dry-farmed vineyard uses the Scott Henry trellis system and its soil is comprised of volcanic loam. At an elevation of 900 feet, the vineyard faces south and has a gentle slope that drops over a bluff, giving the site a cool breeze on hot summer nights.

PRODUCTION

The 2014 Klee Dampier Vineyard Pinot Gris was made using native primary and secondary fermentation, which took place in stainless steel tanks.

TASTING

The wine begins with an aroma of paraffin — just a hint — as well as new-mown hay and fresh sage. On the palate, flavors of pear, orange zest, sweet grass, lemon chess pie emerge backed by bright and focused acidity and a creamy mid-palate that ends with whisper of gardenia in the finish.

PAIRING

For supper, try seared scallops or halibut cheeks with a simple butter sauce. For dessert, lemon chess pie, a family favorite.

WHAT'S THE STORY?

In homage to one of winemaker/owner Chris Berg's favorite artists, Klee is named for the famous Baus Haus artist Paul Klee. The artwork on the label is an adaptation of a Klee painting called **Solution "ee" of the Birthday Assignment, 1924**.

