

Phelps Creek

V I N E Y A R D S

2019 Phelps Creek "Gorge Crest" Gewürztraminer, Columbia Gorge

WINEMAKER COMMENT

Gorge Crest stunningly sits on Underwood Mountain, across the Columbia River and only 4 miles north of our estate. Our crew crosses the Columbia River to tend to the vines. Modest south slope grants full sun throughout the day. Breezes from the west provide rapid diurnal cooling. The end result is a perfect place to capture Gewürztraminer's enchanting qualities of floral aromas balanced by delightful acidity.

PHELPS CREEK VINEYARDS

The most westerly vineyard on the Oregon side of the Columbia Gorge AVA, Phelps Creek is nestled amongst the foothills of Mt Defiance at 1200 feet elevation. Established in 1990, our small boutique winery focuses on estate grown Pinot Noir and Chardonnay varietals, annually producing 5,000 cases of wine in total. Vineyard care takes center stage in our wine production, where sustainable agricultural practices combined with careful management of the fruit yields on the vines lead to the noted luxurious intensity within our bottle.

VINTAGE

The 2019 season began in the early days of May, this warmer than average spring was followed by a slightly warmer than average summer, but beautifully cool fall. Harvest began with our earlier ripening varieties in late September with ideal conditions of sunny skies, cool days, and cold nights— allowing the fruit to ripen incrementally. Ultimately the vintage allowed for plenty of hang-time and a luxurious crop of Gewürztraminer.

WINEMAKING NOTES

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TASTING NOTES

Racy acidity balanced with grape sugars expresses an explosion of flavors. Traditional floral notes with a hint of lemon rind creates a diverting paradox on your palate. Pairs delightfully with Thai and spicy Chinese dishes, and of course a staple for your Thanksgiving celebration. This wine will age and gain complexity for decades.



BOTTLE NOTES

Harvest Date	10/15/2019
Average Brix at Harvest	23.4
Elevage	Stainless Steel
Residual Sugar	1.2 gm/L
ABV	13.5%
Bottling Date	4/22/2020
Case Production	119