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**TASTING NOTES**: The vibrant, light straw-colored 2021 A to Z Wineworks Oregon Pinot Gris has an expressive nose with bountiful fruit -- pear, white peach, apricot, lime zest, papaya, melon, guava, gooseberry - and non-fruit aromas -- honeysuckle, rose, apple blossom, ginger, fresh cut hay, beeswax. The wine is rich and satisfying in the mouth with lip-smacking acidity and a silky texture. Immaculately balanced, it finishes with lingering sweet notes of honey, fresh green grass and a sensation of minerality. Lush and tropical, the 2021 A to Z Wineworks Oregon Pinot Gris delights with or without food.

WINEMAKING NOTES: The 2021 A to Z Oregon Pinot Gris is a blend made up of fruit from more than 20 different vineyards located across Oregon, from the verdant Willamette Valley, to the high mountain, river valleys of the Rogue and Umpqua AVAs. These different sites together provide a 'full orchestra' of flavors, aromatics & texture. The individual parcels of fruit are harvested separately, pressed gently, fermented in numerous vessels using a variety of yeasts to enhance complexity and aged on light lees until bottling. Malolactic fermentation is intentionally blocked to retain freshness.

VINTAGE NOTES: A mild and relatively dry winter was followed by a moderately dry growing season exacerbating drought concerns in certain parts of the state. Mild frost in early-to-mid April interfered with healthy bud development and shoot growth in some locations. As flowering approached, weather was highly variable with intermittent heat, coolness and rain leading to lower than usual yields after the dry season. There were some significant heat spikes in early June set new records and stressed the vines along with isolated incidents of sunburn. Thankfully, disease, bird and insect pressures were low. Yields varied depending on location but quality was high to exceptional. Harvest was longer than average due to extended nice weather and the 2021 wines are showing optimal grape chemistry, natural balance, and pure flavors making for an outstanding vintage.

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