





## **Everyday Club February 2024**

## 2022 Torii Mor Pinot Gris- Willamette Valley, Washington

Willamette Valley is the largest and most important AVA in Oregon. With a continental climate moderated by the influence of the Pacific Ocean, it is perfect for cool-climate viticulture and the production of elegant wines. Though Pinot noir enjoys the limelight here, Pinot Gris also thrives in the Willamette. set out on a journey to create world-class wine in his beloved state of Oregon. In 1993 Dr. Donald Olson founded Torii Mor as a tribute to his late son Leif. Olson Estate Vineyard, planted in 1972, is one of the oldest vineyards in Oregon. Sitting high in the Dundee Hills Appellation at 800 feet on just under fifteen acres of Pinot Noir, the fruit of Olson Estate was the main focus of Torii Mor's first vintage. Torii Mor has matured into an ultra-premium producer of Pinot Noir. Lively acidity marks the way for this crisp Pinot Gris. The wine's pineapple, honeycomb and toasted filbert aromas are graced by the kind of fresh salinity you get with an ocean breeze. Look for flavors of lemongrass, tangerine and wet slate to brighten your day. 90 PTS WE

<u>Pairings:</u> Try with Halibut, Creamy Polenta, Chicken, Chicken Piccata, Wine Sauce, Sous Salmon, Grilled Swordfish, Shrimp, and Risotto, such as Lemon Risotto, Scallop Risotto, or Shrimp Risotto. This Pinot Gris will be a great food pairing to spicy Thai food and pasta dishes.

## 2021 Pinha Dão Ribeiro Santo White- Dão, Portugal

The Dão in Portugal wine region is a mountainous territory, mostly on a high-altitude plateau surrounded by the higher mountains. The region experiences abundant rainfall in the winter months and long, warm dry summers leading up to harvest. The region is homeland to Encruzado, the primary grape for whites. The Quinta do Ribeira Santo is an ancient property once belonging to the Church, and featuring one of the few perennial streams in the area, the Holy River, the Ribeira Santo. Owner/Winemaker Carlos Lucas makes complex and compelling wines from the indigenous varieties planted on the property, including Touriga Nacional, Alfrocheiro, Tinto Cão and Encruzado, perhaps Portugal's finest white wine grape. This wine is a blend of Encruzado, Malvasia Fina, and Bical Portuguese grape varietals. It is a citrus color, with delicate floral aromas, tropical notes and light vanilla. In the mouth, it is buttery, with a refreshing acidity and a long finish.

<u>Pairings:</u> This wine is extremely versatile for pairings, as it combines the characteristics of full-bodied wines and the delicate aromas of lighter, fragrant wines, Ideal accompanying all fish dishes, seafood and some lighter meat dishes. Try it with creamy risottos, seafood pasta and a mild to medium flavored cheese board.