

2017 Gamine Aligoté

Vintage Family Farm Vineyard

Elkton Oregon AVA

Kate is so honored that her personal wine project, Gamine Wines, has been so well received, compelling her to keep making the wines that are influenced by the regions, styles, and varieties that her mother, Sylviane loves and drinks! (Think Champagne down to the Rhône!)

Gamine Aligoté is a new wine for Kate. Hailing from the Jory soils of Elkton Oregon, Vintage Family Farm is a new site, with Aligoté vines in their third leaf. The Elkton Oregon AVA is also brand new and is a sub-appellation of the Umpqua AVA, which is more known for warmer climate grape growing, more similar to the Middle Rhône or perhaps the Languedoc-Roussillon regions. However, the Elkton Oregon AVA is mere 20 miles from the Pacific Ocean nestled in the foothills of the coastal range and is typically cooler than the more famous Willamette Valley cool climate region further to the North.

Winemaking here was very traditional. After pressing the grapes settled and were fermented spontaneously on the lees in neutral and stainless steel barrels. The wine stayed on its lees for eight months before being bottled without fining or filtration and with minimal sulfation.

Delicate notes of pear and peach blossom make way for a delightfully crisp, light, and playful wine that we adore to the extent we can hardly bear to part with the 50 cases Kate made. Reminiscent of its old world counterparts, this wine has the heart and soul of French Aligoté with just enough Oregon warmth to temper the sharp edges. Get yours now before we drink it all!

Alc - 11.5%, pH 3.43, 50 cases

