



2012 Pinot Blanc

Retail Price: \$17.00

Appellation: Dundee Hills, Oregon

Production: 205 cases 750ml

Production and Tasting Notes

The nose offers rich and intense aromas of apple, green melon and Narcissus. In the background there are hints of minerality and pine. On the palate, the wine is ample and round, tasting of grapefruit, pear, and ripe gooseberry. Creamy and rich, it lingers with fine tannins on the finish.

Winter's Hill Pinot Blanc is processed entirely in stainless steel without barrel aging or malolactic fermentation in order to highlight its crisp, fruity character. The juice is allowed to settle briefly before racking and inoculation. The wine fermented for 3 weeks until dry.

Brix at harvest: 21.9.

Alcohol at bottling: 13%; pH: 3.26.

Vintage

Bud break was the 21st of April; The Pinot Blanc was harvested on October 8th. This Varietal is a large berried fat clustered grape. Spring was cool and wet, but bloom occurred on June 23rd, and summer gradually warmed towards more normal levels than the two previous years. A rainy spell during bloom resulted in a light fruit set so that we could achieve our yield targets without any crop thinning. This and the dry warm summer meant very low disease pressure and exceptionally clean and ripe fruit at the end of the season. The north Willamette Valley experienced over 100 days without rain at the end of the summer and September was the warmest on record. We began harvesting on October 7th and finished on October 18th.

Vineyards

Located in the Dundee Hills AVA within the Willamette Valley, our 35 acre Estate vineyard is the source of all of the grapes used to make Winter's Hill wines. South facing, at an elevation of 525-730 ft, the site is ideal for the production of premium wines. Our grapes are hand pruned and harvested, and each vine is visited many times in the course of a season. The estate has been Certified Sustainable and Salmon Safe since 1999. Our Pinot Blanc was planted in 1999. The clones used are true Pinot Blanc clones from the Alsace region of France.

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