

Yamhill Valley

Vineyards

2008 'Pinot Blanc'



Winemaker

Stephen J. Cary

AVA

McMinnville

Vineyard Composition

100% Yamhill Valley Estate

Mainfield

Hilltop

House Block

Harvest

Picked: Oct 19, 22, 24

Yield: 3.5 tons/acre

Brix: 21.7 - 23.4

pH: 3.17 - 3.36

TA: 7.9 - 9.5 g/l

Fermentation

66% Stainless Steel

34% Neutral French Oak

Inoculated

Duration: 30 days

Partial Malo - Lactic

Aging

8 Months

Bottling

July 15, 2009

Alcohol: 13.8%

Production: 675 cases

Vineyard

We are the oldest winery and the second oldest vineyard in what has recently been recognized as the McMinnville AVA. The unique thing about this subregion of the Willamette Valley is that eroded marine sedimentary soils dominate many of the vineyard sites. Most other Oregon vineyard areas are strongly influenced by volcanic soils, while our site consists primarily of marine sediments and heavy clay soils that produce a Pinot Blanc with great intensity of flavor and crisp acidity.

Vintage

The 2008 growing season started off with a late bloom followed by mild spring like conditions, that adversely affected yields but this was our last concern for the entire growing season. Summer and early fall were warm and mostly dry, just the way we like it. By harvest the fruit was beautifully ripe without too much sugar so the alcohols were balanced and the concentration rich.

Winemaking

Grapes were hand-picked and delivered to the crush pad in perfect condition and with optimal ripeness. The fruit was gently pressed, and loaded into neutral french oak for fermentation. A cool fermentation was employed to retain flavor and aromatics. The wine was racked and blended, gently fined and filtered and immediately bottled to capture flavor freshness and richness.

Tasting Notes

This wine has a nice complexity to it which was made in the vineyard and the cellar. It has a silky mouth-feel and comes together with the scent and taste of melons. There is a richness and nutty character in this wines that makes it a great partner with a variety of foods.