



## Winemaker

Stephen J. Cary

## AVA

McMinnville

## Vineyard Composition

100% Yamhill Valley Estate

Rainbow Block

Sequoia Grove Block

## Harvest

Picked: Oct 6, 2009

Yield: 2.2 tons/acre

Brix: 23.9-24.8

pH: 3.25 - 3.33

TA: 5.2-5.4 g/L

## Fermentation

100% Stainless Steel

Duration: 9-17 days

## Aging

6 months

## Bottling

May 19, 2010

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.38

TA: 5.4 g/L

R.S.: 0.4%

Production: 500 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 Gris with great intensity of flavor and crisp acidity. The flavor concentration is also a result of low yielding vineyard management.

## Vintage

The 2009 growing season began with three months of above average temperatures coupled with lower than average rainfall. Bud break in the 2009 season had a one week head start compared to 2008. Rainfall increased throughout the pre-bloom period and temperatures remained higher, resulting in gorgeous bloom conditions and bountiful fruit set. Temperatures spiked into triple digits in July, but cooled to normal levels for August as we eased into veraison (when the grapes change color). Lack of rain around our picking schedule meant grapes could hang until they reached optimal ripeness.

## Winemaking

Grapes were hand-picked and delivered to the crush pad in perfect condition. They were meticulously hand sorted and lightly de-stemmed. The fruit was gently pressed and transferred to stainless steel tanks for fermentation.

## Tasting Notes

Our Pinot Gris has a certain racy character to it, it has a wonderfully forward aroma of flowers and earth. On the pallet this Gris displays nice orange blossom, kiwi and tropical fruit flavors....Scantly clad but not smutty!