



LADY HILL WINERY
True Northwest

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2020

Lady Hill Pinot Blanc

Winkler Vineyard, Yamhill-Carlton AVA
Willamette Valley

WINEMAKER NOTE

I've always considered myself a positive person, and my attitude towards winemaking is rooted in my attitude towards life. We are offered just one brief opportunity at a chance to get things right, while so many variables are completely out of our control (sans global warming of course). Therein lies the vintage summary of 2020. Despite challenges of epic proportions from the weight of a pandemic, to worker shortages, to catastrophic forest fires, I sit here quaffing a gorgeous Pinot Blanc harvested under ideal conditions.

CELLAR NOTE

Tucked up in the hills just outside of Yamhill, there sits a 15-acre gem planted on southeast facing slopes to Pinot Blanc and multiple clones of Pinot Noir. Winkler Vineyard is a late ripening site due to both elevation and coastal influence, keeping sugars down while maintaining bright acidity. Harvested on October 5 at 21.3 brix and a pH of 3.24, this wine spent 4 months aging on light lees in stainless steel tank with little to no malolactic conversion.

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Blanc

PRODUCTION: 86 cases

ALCOHOL: 13.3%

PROFILE

Light glistening hues of flax and cream mingle among the sparkling chartreuse reflection that is common in the green skinned Pinot Blanc. Alongside aromas of lemon zest and slate, lie tart hints of Granny Smith apple and daiquiri ice sherbet. The lean, elegant mouthfeel is varietally characteristic for Willamette Valley Pinot Blanc, and certainly shows in its ease of drinkability and pairability with fresh Oregon shellfish. The finely tuned acidity and low alcohol screams of summer, making this wine a wonderful pairing with Drink now through 2024.

PAIRING

Brie cheese, Kumamoto oysters from Yaquina Bay, or just a warm day on the patio.