



LADY HILL WINERY
True Northwest

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LADY HILL PINOT BLANC
Yamhill-Carlton AVA, Willamette Valley



WINEMAKER NOTE

The 2019 vintage brought us back to those “Classic Oregon vintages” where scattered rain events (right in the middle of harvest), off and on humidity (rot and mildew...ugh!), a plethora of birds (where did all my fruit go?) and less than a handful of days above 90F (Ahh...now this is summer in Oregon) kept crop yields down and fruit complexity high. Unfortunately, our estate vineyard Pinot Blanc suffered the worst of it, and we were compelled to search for another source for this relatively rare vinifera. In the end, our quest led us to a new relationship and a combination of new vineyard sites that supply us with high quality Pinot Noir and Pinot Blanc.

Tucked up in the hills just outside of Yamhill, there sits a 15 planted acre gem on southeast facing slopes planted 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 6 months aging in stainless steel tank with little to no malolactic conversion.

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Blanc

PRODUCTION: 152 cases

ALCOHOL: 12.7% by volume

PROFILE: Light glistening hues of lemon yellow and cream mingle among the classic light green reflection that is common in Pinot Blanc. Alongside aromas of lemon zest and slate, lie tart hints of Granny Smith apple, Asian pear and subtle tropical notes of lychee and stone fruit. The lean, elegant mouthfeel is varietally characteristic for Willamette Valley Pinot Blanc, and certainly shows in it's ease of drinkability and pairability with fresh Oregon shellfish. The finely tuned acidity and low alcohol screams of summer. Drink now through 2022.

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

RECENT AWARDS: *Wine Enthusiast*, 88 Points.