

2006

OREGON PINOT BLANC

TASTING NOTES

Bright golden with soft yellow straw highlights. The sublime nose walks a taunt line between the old world mineral driven aromatics (talc, wet stones, chalk) and new world fruit (melons, nectarines, tangerine, and white grapes overlaid with honey, lime blossoms, and hazelnuts). An intense, unctuous attack leads to a balanced and succulent mid-palate. The wine's richness and weight is held in place and balanced by crisp ripe acidity that gives focus and integrity to the wine. The long finish finally ends with a strong mineral and honeyed presence. The 2006 A to Z Pinot Blanc highlights the power and poise of the 2006 Oregon white wine vintage.

WINE

The 2006 A to Z Pinot Blanc comes mainly from the relatively small clusters of grapes found in two very different Willamette Valley vineyards, one planted on Woodburn soils and one grown on Willakenzie soil. Oregon's long warm days and cool nights allow Pinot Blanc to ripen fully producing beautiful flavorful berries. Malolactic fermentation was blocked to retain bright acidity and highlight the mineral notes to balance the floral aromas and richer texture inherent in Pinot Blanc. Fermented and aged in stainless steel on its lees, the wine was composed and bottled in early June 2007 and is a great example of the 2006 Pinot Blanc vintage in Oregon. 2,175 750 ml bottle cases were made.

VINTAGE

The 2006 Oregon growing season started late and wet necessitating more sprays than normal to keep mildew at bay. Great weather for flowering set the largest crop that we have seen in a few years thankfully due to increased clusters not increased cluster or berry size. A gorgeous summer heated dramatically in June and July, but cooled appreciably in August to begin a soft slow slide into harvest. Whites benefited from a bit of rain taking their time to retain beautiful acid/ripeness balance.

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