

MAHONIA VINEYARD



Pinot Gris
2012

ALC. 13.0% BY VOL.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY OREGON

2012 PINOT GRIS TECHNICAL DATA

Grape Type: Pinot gris

Clones: Colmar 146 & 152

Soil Type: Jory / Nekia

Appellation: Willamette Valley

Harvest Date: October 2011

Harvest Statistics:

Brix: 22.0°

PH: 3.12

T.A.: 6.34 g/L

Alcohol: 13.0%

Bottling Date: March 2013

Cases Bottled: 242

Release Date: April 2013

Winemaker: Chris Berg

2012 VINTAGE NOTES

Compared to 2011, one of the coolest vintages on record, 2012 delivered perhaps the most balanced vintage we've seen in years. Qualitatively and quantitatively, Mahonia Vineyard produced scores of beautifully tight, medium-sized clusters at an optimal yield of just over 2.5 tons per/ac (our target zone) with average brix readings of 21.5 – 23.5 on the Pinot noir, and without a hint of botrytis rot. In other words, the fruit and resulting harvest, were just about perfect. And to top it all off, as we looked to the sky in preparation for harvest, not a single bird was to be seen! Expect complex, nuanced, harmoniously balanced wines that will be equally suitable for both aging and early consumption.

STORAGE

Store horizontally in a dark, temperature-controlled area: between 40° and 65° is best. Ideal serving temperature is 50° - 55°.

TASTING NOTES

Classic notes of citrus and tropical fruit are accentuated by a refreshing undercurrent of mineral laden acidity. A perfect wine for a summer afternoon. Not to be missed.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2012 Pinot gris was fermented at cellar temperature in stainless steel tanks for 14 days using only native yeasts. The wine was then aged for 9 months in stainless steel barrels. Prior to bottling, the wine was racked, cold stabilized and lightly filtered.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

Pinot gris pairs nicely with seafood, light pastas and cheese and cracker combinations. Since this wine is fairly acidic itself, avoid pairing with foods that have high acid contents, like citrus fruits or tomato-based recipes.



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