

# WINE FACT SHEET

## 2012 PINOT GRIS

### WILLAMETTE VALLEY

#### VINEYARDS:

Cloud Rest, Dion, Sheppard

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

The Oak Knoll style of Pinot Gris emphasizes the grape's delicate fruit aromas and flavors, and strives for a balance of creamy texture, good palate weight, and a crisp, lingering finish. In order to achieve this style, we eschew the use of oak and malolactic fermentation finding these influences too obtrusive. Instead, we rely on the natural interaction between the wine and its yeast lees to accentuate the fruit's natural richness and add texture, depth, and complexity. The finished wine exhibits the grape's distinct varietal character (melon, pear, and apple) with a finely tuned balance of acidity to fruit intensity.

#### GROWING SEASON:

Western Oregon winemakers fared well, dealing with the usual amount of rain during harvest and dodging any big storms that might wash out the vintage.

In Oregon, Willamette Valley winemakers are expected their crop to be at least 10 to 20 percent lower than normal because of poor weather in June when the grapes just were beginning to form. However, they are pleased with what is on the vines because of warm temperatures and otherwise dry weather.

**Malo-lactic:** NO

**Oak Ageing:** NO

**Total Acidity:** 0.83

**PH:** 3.17

**Residual Sugar:** 0.64%

**Alcohol %:** 12.5%

**Production:** 1,954 cases

#### FERMENTATION:

Half of the juice was fermenting in 50 gallon stainless barrels, Sur Lee style, and the other half was fermented in large stainless fermenters and then blended together prior to bottling.



#### TASTING NOTES:

Delicate bouquet of grapefruit and plumeria open the nose. Added notes of honey and vanilla envelop the senses with a exotic passion fruit aroma at the close of the nose. Vibrant mouthfeel offers ample juicy tropical fruit flavors; mango, pineapple and ruby red grapefruit upfront. There is added peach on the mid-palate, with a starfruit and fresh pomegranate in the lingering finish.

Oak Knoll Winery is one of Oregon's oldest wineries, producing fine wines since 1970.

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