

# WINE FACT SHEET

## 2013 PINOT GRIS

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

### VINEYARDS:

Cloud Rest Vineyard, Sheppard Vineyard, and Dion Vineyard

### GROWING SEASON:

Our 2013 weather began pleasantly enough. Bud set was uneventful, with nearly perfect conditions. We had just enough moisture, until a freak hail storm happened. It brought wind and rain with it, which affected bloom set. This weather was followed by one of the driest summers on record. Similar to California's climate, we had over 65 days with no rain at all. The climax to all of this was September, which became the rainiest in years, having had more rain than September of 2011 and 2012 combined. In the month of August, everyone agreed that it was going to be a stellar year; however, nobody forecasted such a rainy September. The days would start by being dry and enjoyable, and then daily change into rain. There were spurts of dry days between rain showers, with people struggling to find pickers, who would pick what they could in the last week of September.

**Fermentation:** 50 percent fermented in 60 gallon stainless steel drums, on their side. It experienced Sur Lee aging in order to extract flavor, which also added complexity and texture. The remaining wine fermented in stainless steel tanks, and then it was all blended together.

<b>Malo-lactic:</b>	no
<b>Oak Ageing:</b>	no
<b>Total Acidity:</b>	5.9 g/L
<b>PH:</b>	3.33
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	0.6 g/L
<b>Alcohol %:</b>	13.6%
<b>Production:</b>	1,713 cases

We had thought that we'd be picking in the middle to third week of September, but 2013 was one of those times when Mother Nature threw us all for a loop. And, this is where the art and skills of the winemaker are put to the test. Overall, the 2013 wines became beautiful, against all odds.

### TASTING NOTES:

Bouquet opens with notes of lychee and fresh rain. Added apricot aromas with star fruit at the close of the nose. Vibrant palate features nectarine and mandarin oranges up front with a Myer lemon finish.



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