



## WILLAKENZIE ESTATE

### 2020 TOURDION CUVÉE BLANC | YAMHILL-CARLTON

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WillaKenzie Estate is located in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA in the Northern Willamette Valley, Oregon. The winery was established in 1991 by Bernard Lacroute, who was inspired by the Estate's dynamic rolling hills that reminded him of his Burgundian roots. The Estate is named for the marine sedimentary soil series on which the vineyard is planted, in keeping with tradition that great wines reflect a true sense of place. WillaKenzie remains committed to its sustainable practices by preserving the biodiversity of the land and is Oregon's first LIVE certified winery (#001).

#### TOURDION

Sourced from our Estate, Tourdion Cuvée Blanc is named for a French dance from the 16th century Burgundian court, representing the expressive dance of varieties at play. This white wine is made from Pinot Noir, Pinot Blanc, and Pinot Gris blended together, with inspiration coming from the Alsace region.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

After a mild and dry winter, the 2020 growing season started cool with budbreak occurring in mid-April. Late spring temperatures were a mixture of warm and cool conditions, as well as wet periods during flowering. As a result, fruit set and yields were low in the Willamette Valley. Heat accumulation was moderate during the summer, resulting in wines with great flavor intensity and refreshing acidity.

#### VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Grapes were hand harvested and gently whole-cluster pressed to maintain energy and freshness. The juice was then fermented and aged in neutral, French oak barrels with 16 months on the lees prior to bottling. 🌿

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

PH: 3.06 TA: 7.8 g/L

#### ÉLEVAGE

16 months neutral French oak

#### COMPOSITION

57% Pinot Noir – maintains purity

30% Pinot Blanc – adds energy

13% Pinot Gris – gives freshness

#### SUSTAINABILITY

- LIVE-Certified
- Salmon-Safe

#### TASTING NOTES

This lovely, complex and expressive wine is loaded with floral and citrus zest notes, subtle streaks of minerality and a hint of crystallized ginger. Those flavors carry through onto a well-balanced palate that offers beautiful richness, energy and length.

#### PRODUCTION

240 cases