



## WILLAKENZIE ESTATE

### 2021 ESTATE PINOT BLANC

YAMHILL-CARLTON | ESTATE GROWN

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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).

#### ESTATE PINOT BLANC

Originally planted in 1992, our Pinot Blanc is located on a beautiful, gently south facing exposure on the north ridge of the WillaKenzie Estate. This part of the Estate is fairly cool, with superb exposure and deep, well-drained soils. As a result, these mature and well-balanced grapevines create a stunning expression of this classic Alsatian varietal that thrives in the Willamette Valley.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

Inclement weather in early and mid-June happened at the same time as flowering resulting in lower-than-average grape yields for 2021. Luckily, these smaller clusters were nearly perfect in terms of their size and structure from a winegrowing perspective. Open clusters and warm, dry days during the summer led to a growing season that was nearly free of disease pressure. This beautiful fruit maintained its nearly picture-perfect integrity all the way up until harvest. In the winery, small berries led to concentrated and intense flavors.

#### VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Grapes were harvested by hand on September 13, 2021. All grapes were whole-cluster pressed to minimize extraction of phenolics and maintain textural purity. After pressing, the juice was settled for a brief period before being transferred into a stainless steel tank for fermentation and aging. 🌿

ALCOHOL: 13.7%

PH: 3.03 TA: 8.3 g/L

#### ÉLEVAGE

100% stainless steel

#### COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Blanc

#### CLONE

100% Clone 161

#### SUSTAINABILITY

- LIVE Certified
- Salmon-Safe

#### TASTING NOTES

This expressive Pinot Blanc is layered with notes of Meyer lemon, blossom honey, and crushed stone. These flavors carry through to a palate that is vibrant and energetic, yet still ample enough to be wonderfully pure and balanced.

#### PRODUCTION

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