



WILLAKENZIE ESTATE

2021 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

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 hand harvested and gently whole-cluster pressed to maintain energy and freshness. The juice was then fermented and aged in a combination neutral, French oak puncheons and barrels with 16 months on the lees prior to bottling. The final blend was 57% Pinot Noir, 28% Pinot Blanc and 15% Pinot Gris.

ALCOHOL: 13.6%

PH: 3.10 TA: 7.2 g/L

ÉLEVAGE

16 months neutral French oak

COMPOSITION

57% Pinot Noir – maintains purity

28% Pinot Blanc – adds energy

15% Pinot Gris – gives freshness

SUSTAINABILITY

- LIVE-Certified
- Salmon-Safe

TASTING NOTES

This lovely, complex and expressive wine is loaded with notes of lime zest, feijoa, pineapple, saltwater taffy, minerality and a hint of Thai basil. Those flavors carry through to a well-balanced palate that offers beautiful richness, energy, and length.

PRODUCTION

271 cases

SRP

\$45