

# 2019 Faeti Vinir Pinot Blanc

Willamette Valley | Oregon

**Björnson Vineyard** is part of a scenic 107-acre farm, located in the heart of Oregon's Eola-Amity Hills. We are committed to generating renewable energy, farming sustainably, and making wine with minimal handling, so that each bottle fully expresses our exceptional terroir.

**The Grapes** for this wine are from Björnson Vineyard, and were: hand-harvested, foot-tread, and hand basket pressed by our friends and wine-club members. However, that did not produce enough wine to fill a barrel, so we blended it with some Pinot Blanc from Anne Amie and Elkhorn Ridge vineyards. The resulting wine was so impressive, it deserved its own bottling.

**The Wine** is a blend of our two favorite barrels of Pinot Blanc, aged an additional six months in neutral oak barrel *sur-lee* to add complexity and richness. This wine's name "*Faeti Vinir*" is Icelandic for "foot friends" and was chosen because some of the fruit was sourced from our friends' vineyards (Anne Amie and Elkhorn Ridge), and the remainder was hand-harvested, foot-tread, and press by our friends and wine-club members.

**The 2019 Vintage** was a stressful vintage and quite a departure from the previous five uncharacteristically hot vintages. The cool wet spring helped the vines handle what initially was a reasonably warm summer, and the sugar accumulation in the grapes was almost complete before the cold, wet fall arrived. With disease pressures high and brix levels plateauing or barely increasing, many growers and vintners had to make some tough picking decisions. Despite the stress and the light crop load, Björnson Vineyard stayed vigilant, and was able to produce some exceptional wines. The long hangtime (period from bloom to harvest) extended past 100 days, in most cases allowing us to make wines with a greater phenological maturity without excess sugar. This resulted in wines of depth without over-ripe character or elevated alcohol which retained their natural acidity.



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*Faeti Vinir*

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**Appellation:** Willamette Valley, Oregon

**Vineyard:** Björnson Estate, Anne Amie's Twelve Oaks Vineyard, Elkhorn Ridge.

**Vinification:** The fruit from Björnson Vineyard was hand-harvested, foot-tread, and hand basket pressed by our friends and wine-club members. The fruit from Anne Amie and Elkhorn Ridge was conventionally processed, hand-picked and gently whole cluster pressed. The juice was cold settled for one day before being clean racked into neutral French oak barrels and inoculated. The fermentation was slow, taking 30 days to finish with a temperature high of 71°F degrees.

**Harvested:** Oct. 4 – Oct. 13, 2019, 20.5 – 21.5 Brix

**Finished Wine:** Alc. 12.8%, pH 3.11, TA 8.7 g/L

**Bottled:** Dec. 12, 2019, 50 cases

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