

# 2020 Bieze Vineyard Pinot Blanc

Eola-Amity Hills AVA | Willamette Valley | Oregon

**Björnson Vineyard** is part of a scenic 107-acre farm, located in the heart of Oregon's Willamette Valley. 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 come from our neighbor to the north, Bieze Vineyard in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA. The 1.3 acres of Pinot Blanc are at an elevation of 690 feet with a combination of Jory and Ritner volcanic soils.

**The Wine** opens with aromas of orange blossom, followed by a core note of peach pit and coriander, then finishes with a lingering scent of Meyer lemon. The palate is simultaneously sweet with a bright citrusy acid. The mouth-filling fruit gives way to a long silky finish. This wine has enough integrity to be paired with a wide spectrum of cuisine, yet is delicate enough to be enjoyed on its own.

**The 2020 Vintage** presented new challenges and obstacles for all of us to overcome. With a pandemic sweeping across the globe, Björnson and our cellar co-habitant partners decided to share a single seasonal crew, and offer them lodging at the winery to promote a safe and collaborative atmosphere while simultaneously limiting potential exposures. However, the virus was not the only unprecedented adversity we faced. Massive wild fires swept Oregon and most of the West Coast covering our wine country vineyards with harmful smoke just days before harvest. Smoke compounds can be absorbed by grapes and stored primarily in the skins, so an effort was made to treat all our grapes as gently as possible. Our white grapes were pressed softer than ever before and we elected to increase our production of rosé wines to avoid potential smoke impact. Fortunately, the season produced a crop with small berries and concentrated color and an extended hangtime (period from bloom to harvest), increasing phenological maturity and character. This allowed us to treat our grapes gently while still making wines of complexity and depth.



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**Appellation:** Eola-Amity Hills AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon

**Vineyard:** Bieze Vineyard

**Vinification:** The fruit was hand-picked and gently whole cluster pressed. The juice was cold settled for one day before being clean racked and inoculated. The fermentation took place in a concrete egg and aged in neutral French oak puncheon barrels for 3 months.

**Harvested:** October 9, 2020, 23 Brix

**Finished Wine:** Alc. 13.4%, pH 3.07, TA 8.0 g/L, RS 2.1 g/L

**Bottled:** Feb 16th, 2021, 102 cases

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