

2022 Gouais Blanc

Van Duzer Corridor | 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 Grape, Gouais Blanc, is an ancient variety that is at the base of cool climate viticulture. It is the parent of at least 81 varieties including Aligoté, Auxerrois, Chardonnay, Gamay Noir, and Riesling. Today there are only a few acres planted in the world. We planted the first known commercial planting in America at our Pamar Vineyard in the Van Duzer Corridor AVA of Oregon's Willamette Valley.

The Wine is the first commercial offering of this rare variety. This is our first small harvest of Gouais Blanc from our new Pamar Vineyard in the Van Duzer Corridor AVA. On the aroma, this wine smells warm and floral with notes of fresh rain and green apples in addition. The palate has continuity with the aroma, with the addition of unripe peach pit. This wine will transport you to a memory of rain in between spring and summer.

The 2022 Vintage was full of surprises. It started with an early spring bud-break which was followed by a severe frost event. There was a lot of concern around the valley as to how much damage occurred; fortunately, our estate vineyard was unharmed. The unusually cool spring did delay our ripening but we had a very nice, long, warm fall and our fruit ripened just in time before the rains. Our harvest crew was splendid! They worked so hard and maintained a great spirit as we crushed our largest harvest to-date. The white wines are fresh and stunning and the reds are contemplative and elegant. We also made quite a bit of sparkling wine that we cannot wait to taste as they age in tirage. Our thanks to everyone involved. Cheers!



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2022 PAMAR VINEYARD | VAN DUZER CORRIDOR

Appellation: Van Duzer Corridor AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon

Vineyard: Pamar Vineyard Gouais Blanc

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 tank and the wine was aged in neutral French oak barrels for three months.

Harvested: Oct 20, 2022, 21.9 Brix

Finished Wine: Alc. 13.25%, pH 3.1, TA 7.9 g/L

Bottled: Mar 10, 2023, 60 cases



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