

2023 Chenin Blanc

Van Duzer Corridor 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 came from Pamar Vineyard which is the Björnson family's second property, located in the Van Duzer Corridor AVA of Oregon's Willamette Valley. Strong winds, a combination of marine sediment and volcanic soils, and cooler growing conditions combine to produce wines with intense flavor, structure, and vibrancy. Pamar Vineyard utilizes regenerative farming practices and generates 100% of its electricity using photovoltaic solar panels.

The Wine has vibrant notes of lemon tea and spicy poached pear. The palate is further enriched by the creamy allure of white chocolate and the zesty warmth of candied ginger. Delicate hints of orange blossom and apricot add a fruity complexity, while a subtle touch of oak enhances the overall balance.

The 2023 Vintage started with a nice, long, wet spring. Bud break was later than normal, but the soil was saturated with water so the vines were fully charged - growing rapidly and blooming earlier than expected. The summer was beautiful for growing grapes with warm dry days, not too hot, cool nights, and ample wind through the Van Duzer Corridor. Harvest arrived right on time with our average pick date right around the 100 days after bloom marker that we always hope for. By the last week of September, the rains arrived - slowing harvest down. This gave some of our late-ripening grapes a longer hang time which allowed us to catch up in the cellar. At the end of a dynamic growing season, we found a beautiful and diverse array of wines in our cellar. This vintage resembles a historic Willamette vintage of the not-too-distant past: lower alcohols, more finesse and complexity. We thank our lovely harvest team for the wines that we made with them.



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Appellation: Van Duzer Corridor AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon

Vineyard: Pamar Vineyard, Tom's Block

Vinification: The fruit was hand-picked and 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 to soften the acidity and promote minerality. Malolactic conversion was completed in barrel with *sur lee* aging and minimal *batonnage* for 11 months to promote mouthfeel. Of the two French oak barrels, one was only used once before for a kiss of oak flavor and body.

Harvested: Oct. 9, 2023, 23.2 Brix

Finished Wine: Alc. 13.9%, pH 3.2, TA 7.8 g/L

Bottled: July 29, 2024, 50 cases



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