

2023 Gouais Blanc

Van Duzer Corridor AVA | Willamette Valley | Oregon

Björnson is in the heart of Oregon's Willamette Valley. Our estate vineyard in the Eola-Amity Hills is certified Salmon-Safe and sustainable by L.I.V.E. (Low Input Viticulture and Enology). Our Pamar Vineyard is in the Van Duzer Corridor, one of the newest AVA's. Both properties are farmed sustainably and regeneratively, with solar panels, permanent cover crops, and preserved riparian areas. We make our 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. Gouais is a bit of lost history in your glass. There are only a few acres planted in the world and we have the first known commercial planting in the Western Hemisphere at our Pamar Vineyard.

The Wine showcases 'Riesling' level acidity with a complimentary oily texture bound together by a midpalate of minerality. A panoply of grapefruit rind, chamomile, Asian pear, candied ginger, and lemon tea waft aromatically with the swirl of a wine glass. It is complete with a mouthwatering finish, the perfect pairing for oysters or sharp cheeses.

The 2023 Vintage started with a nice, long, wet spring. 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 harvest team for the wines that we made with them.



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2023 | PAMAR VINEYARD | VAN DUZER CORRIDOR

Appellation (AVA): Van Duzer Corridor, Willamette Valley, Oregon

Vineyard: Pamar Vineyard, Kay'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. Once fermentation was complete the wine was racked into barrels for 9 months prior to bottling. Malolactic conversion was promoted in barrel with inoculation and intermittent *batonnage* and almost completed. Maturation took place *sur lie* in one neutral and two second-use French oak barrels.

Harvested: Oct. 9, 2023, 20.4 Brix

Finished Wine: Alc. 12.3%, pH 3.0, TA 9.5 g/L

Bottled: June 29, 2024, 75 cases



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