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Ransom Selection Pinot Gris 2009

Appellation: Willamette Valley, Oregon
Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Gris
Vineyard Sources: Cattrall Vineyard
Production: 118 cases

Brix at Harvest: 23.7
Titrateable Acidity: 7.6
pH: 3.27
Alcohol: 13.1%
Residual Sugar: 2 g/L

Vinification: Gently pressed whole cluster with free run juice. Slow fermented at cool temperatures with CEG. Aged sur lie for five months. Filtered and bottled without undergoing malolactic fermentation.

Vineyard Information: Cattrall Vineyard, certified organic since inception, has an elevation of 740 feet. Yamhill soils with well-drained, medium depth ancient basaltic soils. Unknown clone of Pinot Gris that is a progeny of the original planting of Pinot Gris in the U.S. Clone planted on its own roots in 1978.

Tasting Notes: Opens with aromas of nectarine, canned Bartlett pear, jonquil and sur lie characters. A full-bodied palate with a lush entry of stone fruit and honey gives way to a lengthy, sumptuous finish of slate and lemon.

Vintage Notes: '09 was balanced, warm and ripe, a very similar vintage to '05 but not quite as warm as '06. A small amount of rain pressured a partial early harvest and then warmed up nicely allowing the vast majority of fruit to ripen late into season allowing for depth in quality, aromatics and balanced mouthfeel.

What Makes Ransom Selection Pinot Gris Unique?

1978 pinot gris planting, one of the oldest existing vineyards in Oregon for gris. Further, the Cattrall vineyard heralds the beginning of the organic vineyard movement in Willamette Valley as Bill and Tom Cattrall began organic farming in 1973 and are now Tilth Organically certified.

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