

# ELK COVE

## VINEYARDS

### ELK COVE WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT BLANC 2014

Appellation: Willamette Valley; Oregon; USA

**Winemaker:** Adam Campbell

**Closure:** Screwcap

**Alcohol:** 13.0%

#### Vineyard

The fruit for this Pinot Blanc is hand-harvested from select hill-side vineyards in the northern Willamette Valley, including our Five Mountain, Mount Richmond and Estate vineyards.

#### Tasting Notes

Fresh notes of Bosc pear, cut hay and star anise lead into a broad palate of lemon curd, plum and rhubarb. A chalky minerality dances among the flavors and leads into a long-lingering and juicy finish.

#### Winemaker's Notes

The Willamette Valley has an ideal climate for Pinot Blanc, a delicate grape variety—enough sunlight and warmth for ripening, with cooler night temperatures that help retain varietal character.. To preserve the freshness, our Pinot Blanc is whole-cluster pressed, and then fermented at very cool temperatures in small stainless steel tanks, all of which accentuates aromatics and enhances the richness and viscosity of the wine.

#### Vintage

Vintage 2014 in Oregon may be remembered as the vintage of a lifetime; one of those rare vintages, reminiscent of 1988 and 2002, when you have high quality and high quantity simultaneously.

This year's warmer than average nights and moderate days created the ideal conditions that led to a faster rate of ripening due to less stress on the vines. Notes Winemaker, Adam Campbell, "the amazing summer weather led to the lowest disease pressure I have ever seen, creating a harvest that was the stuff dreams are made of – little rain, gorgeous fruit, and an easy tempo making for a relaxed and delightful crush". These prolonged warm days and moderately cool nights with low heat stress led to ideal ripening.

Fruit quality, harmony and balance were key factors in the 2014 growing season. As fruit came in with incredible evenness and extraordinary concentration, 2014 will likely be a show stopping vintage. We remain true to our goals as wine growers – looking to capture the beautiful, complex flavors that are the signature of Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and other cool-climate varieties.

#### Stats

**Vine Age:** 4-21 years

**Harvest Sugars:** 22.5

**pH at bottling:** 3.08

**TA:** 7

**Bottled:** Jan 2015

**Cases Produced:** 2500

