



## WINE

Runaway White Pinot Blanc

## VINTAGE

2008

## APPELLATION

Willamette Valley

## VINEYARDS

Helmick Hill

## PRODUCTION

150 cases

## ALCOHOL

13.2%

## SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$15. | bottle

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## ABOUT

THIS ISN'T ABOUT MEDITRINA. IT ISN'T ABOUT THE FACT THAT LONG, LONG AGO THE ROMANS NAMED THIS GODDESS AFTER WINE. IT IS ABOUT FINDING THE BEST IN EACH VINTAGE. IT IS ABOUT THE PURITY IN WINEMAKING. IT IS ABOUT A LITTLE GEM FROM HELMICK HILL VINEYARD. SO CLEAN, FRESH AND BRIGHT, THIS PINOT BLANC DESERVED ITS OWN BOTTLE. NEXT VINTAGE? WHO KNOWS! THIS BOTTLING IS ABOUT PLEASANT SURPRISES, AND LIVING A FULL LIFE! CHEERS!

## WINEMAKING NOTES

THE GRAPES WERE HAND SORTED AND 100% DESTEMMED. THE FRUIT SETTLED FOR 1-2 DAYS AFTER PRESSING AND RACKING TO AGE IN SMALL LOT STAINLESS STEEL FERMENTATION TANKS. THE TEMPERATURES DROPPED TO 52-55 DEGREES AND YEAST WAS ADDED. FERMENTATION LASTED APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS. ONCE COMPLETE, THE WINES WERE RACKED OFF THE LEES. WE BOTTLED THIS WINE IN SPRING OF 2009 TO CAPTURE ITS FRESH AND LIVELY CHARACTERS. THIS WINE IS 100% PINOT BLANC.

## TASTING NOTES

BRIGHT GOLDEN COLOR WITH SOFT YELLOW STRAW HIGHLIGHTS. SUBLIME AROMAS OF RIPE MELONS, TALC, MINERALS, NECTARINES, HONEY, WHITE FLOWERS, LIME BLOSSOMS, TANGERINE, WHITE CURRENTS AND BREAD DOUGH VERITABLY LEAP FROM THE GLASS. SECONDARY MORE SUBTLE AROMAS OF CITRUS OILS, HAZELNUTS, WHITE GRAPES, WET STONES AND CHALK ADD TO THE COMPLEXITY OF THE NOSE AS THE WINE OPENS UP IN THE GLASS. THE NOSE WALKS A TAUNT LINE BETWEEN THE OLD WORLD MINERAL DRIVEN AROMATICS AND NEW WORLD FRUIT. THE WINE HAS ITS FEET SQUARELY PLANTED IN BOTH WORLDS. IN THE MOUTH THE WINE IS UNCTUOUS, RICH AND POWERFUL ON THE ATTACK. THE THICK VISCOUS INTENSITY OF THE ATTACK LEADS TO A BALANCED AND SUCCULENT MID-PALATE. THE WINE'S RICHNESS AND WEIGHT IS HELD IN PLACE AND BALANCED BY CRISP RIPE ACIDITY THAT GIVES FOCUS AND INTEGRITY TO THE WINE. THE FINISH LASTS FOREVER AS THE WINE FINALLY ENDS ON A STRONG MINERAL AND HONEYED PRESENCE. THE BALANCE AND COMPLEXITY ON THE NOSE THAT SHOWS AS A CROSS BETWEEN THE OLD WORLD AND NEW ARE VERY MUCH EVIDENT ON THE PALATE AS WELL. VERY EXCITING.



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