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**“BROOKS WINES - BIODYNAMIC FARMING ALLOWS
GREATER PURITY AND CLARITY IN THEIR WINES.”**

MCMINNVILLE, ORE - Why practice biodynamic farming? Winemaker Chris Williams of Brooks Wines claims, “We feel it provides great health in the vineyards, ultimately producing better wines. This practice is known as one of the oldest farming methods that focuses on the land's natural resources, cultivating high quality fruit and eliminating the use of chemicals, herbicides, pesticides, synthetic fertilizers, or fungicides.”

The concept for biodynamic farming began in the 1920's from Rudolf Steiner, an Austrian philosopher and scientist. Steiner educated farmers about the flow of chemical energy that radiates from the moon, planets and stars, which creates a breakdown of organic matter. The positioning of the moon, aligned with specific constellations can influence positive growth with roots, leaves, flowers and fruit.

The main principle and tradition is based on an ecological, energetic and spiritual philosophy in nature. Williams states that “It requires a great amount of respect, more time in the vineyard and greater attention to detail than any other farming method. Creating a self-sustaining vineyard with a self-sustaining habitat protects the forces of nature from the vines, allowing them to produce higher quality fruit. We feel it provides greater purity and clarity in the wines and provides the most honest expression to terrior, sharing a unique sense of place”.

To further their commitment for biodynamic farming, Brooks Wines has retained Philippe Armenier as their consultant since 2003. They are currently pursuing the Demeter certification process with the Eola Hills Vineyard, expected to be complete by 2009.

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