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2014 Walla Walla Pinot Grigio

100% Pinot Grigio 100% Breezy Slope Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley AVA Alc. 13.95% by Vol.

Growing Season

Bud break arrived before the typical schedule due to a warm winter with little snow, but a warm spring led to accelerated growth and a great fruit set. It was pretty close to the 2013 vintage that by June, we had full canopies and were three to four weeks ahead of schedule. Growing Degree Days for the year shattered records, putting Walla Walla and most of WA into a perfect and bountiful vintage. The summer continued its dry and hot pattern all the way through harvest. That was great news for our grapes as they could ripen without large drops in acidity.

Vineyard

Jack DeWitt, father of the winemaker of Dumas Station wines, grows and maintains 40+ acres of Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, and a bit of Syrah and Viognier in the Breezy Slope vineyard up against the Blue Mountains. Because the vineyard is about 1 mile across the Oregon border at an elevation of 1700 feet, this site is prime for Pinot vines. The cold air drainage, increased precipitation, and cooler climate allows the vines to thrive and maintain natural acidity, not to mention that the border of the Walla Walla Valley AVA is only a few hundred feet from the edge of the vineyard!

Barrel Composition

100% Stainless steel barrels

Tasting Notes

A riper style of Pinot Grigio compared to NE Italian wines, this pale straw colored wine opens with Granny Smith apple, pear, and nectarine. On the palate, bright acidity is met with ripe apple, banana cream, and pear leading into a mouthwatering, long finish. This wine will stand up to a few years of cellar aging leading into a more rounded mouthfeel. Drink now through 2020. 3.09 pH and 7.6 g/L of titratable acidity.

Cases Produced: 138 Release Date: May 2015



