



2019 Pinot blanc

Freedom Hill Vineyard

Production: 362 cases

Crop Level: 3.1 tons/acre

Harvested: October 3rd, 2019

Bottled: June 2020

Alcohol: 13.5%

**Suggested Pairings: Ceviche,
mussels and grilled shrimp.**

Vineyard Notes

Freedom Hill is located in the foothills of the Coast Range 10 miles southwest of Salem, Oregon. The vines were planted in 1993 and 2008 on well-drained silty clay loam. It has a southwest exposure at an elevation of 475' and benefits from heat rising off the valley floor.

Production Notes

This Pinot blanc is produced in a style to accentuate texture and ripe fruit flavors. The must was fermented 34% in Acacia cask and 66% in tank and aged for eight months on the lees.

Vintage Notes

Moderate spring weather was followed by a wet June that extended into early July. Temperatures were mostly moderate during the summer with few heat spikes compared to vintages before or after 2019. Unfortunately higher humidity during the late summer brought significant mildew pressure at especially Temperance Hill and Momtazi vineyards where 1/3 of the fruit was removed because of disease. We began picking for sparkling wine on September 20th with Chardonnay following on September 23rd and 24th. The Pinot noir harvest began with Freedom Hill on September 26th and ended with the last block at Temperance Hill on October 12th. The fruit was mostly clean and ripe with nicely developed tannins. Cooler temperatures during picking resulted in wines with medium weight and good balance.

Tasting Notes

Bright white rose, ripe honeycrisp apple and bosc pear aromas with hints of ginger and grapefruit peel. The combined effect is reminiscent of a mid summer afternoon picnic in an orchard. The brightness continues into the mouth where the wines significant concentration becomes apparent. Pear compote, fresh fruit salad and nectarine flavors are enhanced by a touch of almond. It would be a great match for fish ceviche with fresh avocado, fried rice, fish tacos and grilled shrimp. Although I drink it young, it gains texture with several years of aging. This is definitely one of my favorite vintages for Pinot blanc.

Mark Vlossak, Winemaker