

# 2014 Anne Amie Prismé Pinot Noir Blanc Yamhill-Carlton AVA

Harvest September 2014 Production 521 cases

Release Date June 2017

Prismé is the truest expression of the Pinot noir grape. We select only our finest blocks of Pinot noir and use only the free run juice, but not the color or tannins from the skins. It is then barrelfermented, and aged on its lees in French oak barrels for 16 months. This structured white wine has a backbone of acidity, a voluptuous mid-palate and a long, creamy finish. Prismé is named after the word prism- the splitting of white light into its corresponding colors. Here we are doing precisely that in reverse, making a rich, textured white wine from Pinot noir.

# VINIFICATION

The Prismé starts with 100% Pinot noir free run juice that is settled and racked into barrels. It is entirely barrel-fermented in French oak puncheons; lees stirred, allowed natural malolactic fermentation and then aged on its lees for 16 months before bottling.

# VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Bud break started in April for both of our Estates, and the nice weather following gave us an excellent push toward an early bloom. Weather at bloom was variable, starting out warm then turning wet. The variable weather created a four-week bloom spread from our earliest block at the winery to our latest block of high elevation Pinot Gris at Twelve Oaks Estate. All of the fruit at the Anne Amie Estate was set and well past the actual bloom phase before we saw rain and cool temperatures. Twelve Oaks was about halfway through bloom before the weather changed. This diversity in bloom weather and fruit set gave us strength in our ability to spread out the risk associated with any unknown weather during harvest. Since the clock toward harvest starts at 50% bloom, it was comforting to know that a good portion of our fruit was tracking toward an early harvest, with the rest coming in on a more average harvest date. This year's average and larger cluster sizes with two to three clusters per shoot meant we had to thin extra crop, done to ensure we achieve maximum ripeness in an average year and consistently produce high quality wine. Summer came in force, and it was hot and dry. It was not a year where we had 100°F plus days, but we had many more than usual days in the 90°Fs. With little rain and such heat, our vines were forced to tap into moisture with their deep root systems. 2014 will be a vintage representative of wines running on that deep root system of survival. This environmental stress will surely play out in a positive way, via the rich wines produced this year.

We picked the blocks at the Twelve Oaks Estate for our soon to be launched sparkling wine program on September 13th. Our last pick finished up with our Müller-Thurgau at the Anne Amie Estate on Columbus Day October 13th.

# AROMA

butterscotch, fresh peaches, candied ginger, star anise, tea cookies, cardamom, lanolin

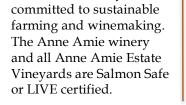
#### FLAVOR

caramel, ripe fig, yellow plum, yellow cherry, candied ginger, crème brulée

FINISH rich and creamy

# SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

butter poached lobster, fennel rubbed roast chicken, [anything covered in] truffle cream sauce, lemon & garlic marinated pork loin, duck fat French fries, seared scallops



Anne Amie is fully



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**Varietal Composition** 100% Pinot noir

Vineyards Anne Amie Estate 100%

**Clones** P4, 115

### Oak

aged 16 months in French oak, 20% new, 20% 1 year, 60% neutral

**Soil Types** Willakenzie

AVA - Yamhill-Carlton

Alcohol –  $14.1\,\%$ 

Total Acidity – 5 g/L

**pH** - 3.32