



2008 Riesling Willamette Valley

About Chateau Bianca

Chateau Bianca Winery is a family owned and operated winery established in the mid-1980's. The annual production is intentionally small and committed to high quality, while simultaneously offering an exceptional value. The majority of the production includes Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, and Pinot Blanc. There is also a limited production of Riesling, Gewurztraminer, Marechal Foch, Chardonnay, Ruby Port, Vin de Glace, and Gluhwein, a hot-spiced wine from an old family recipe.

Originally from Germany, the Wetzel family has been producing award-winning wines for four generations. Thirty-five years of producing wine in Oregon has given them a unique insight few wineries share in this ever changing industry.

Winemaker

Winemaker Andreas Wetzel's attention to detail consistently results in many prestigious wine awards. Andreas' great-grandfather began wine production in the region of Wurzburg, Germany. This love of winemaking continues, four generations later, here in the United States.

Vineyards

The Willamette Valley with its gentle rolling hills and unique microclimatic sites allows Oregon to produce some of the finest Pinot Noirs in the world. Chateau Bianca Winery's estate vineyard is trained to a vertical upright canopy. This allows for shoot positioning, leaf removal and enhanced air circulation. This in turn, develops color and concentrates flavor in their wines. Their winemaking philosophy consistently produces superior quality wines with intense flavor profiles that are marketed at an irresistible value.

Tasting Notes

This wine offers vibrant aromas of apricots, tangerines, and green apple. The inviting fragrance hints at how refreshing this will taste. There is strong flavor here that is dominated by citrus. Green apple gives way to pineapple and orange notes. There is considerable balance between the aromas and flavors and both combine harmoniously to make this Riesling especially appealing. The tanginess tasted at the beginning lingers pleasantly through the long finish. Because of the high acidity this wine will make for an ideal food partner. Alcohol: 11.5%

Silver Medal at the Northwest Wine Summit 2008- Mt. Hood, Oregon