

# Willamette Valley Vineyards

## Pinot Gris

### THE FACTS

COUNTRY: USA - OR

REGION: Willamette Valley

APPELLATION: Willamette Valley

### THE STORY

Founded in 1983 by Oregon native Jim Bernau with the dream of creating world-class Pinot Noir.

Jim cleared

away an old pioneer plum orchard in the Salem Hills and watered the vines by hand using 17 lengths of

garden hose to get the grapevines through their first summer. Willamette Valley Vineyards has grown from

a bold idea into one of the region's leading wineries, earning the title "One of America's Great Pinot Noir

Producers" from Wine Enthusiast Magazine.

**PHILOSOPHY:** "Our mission in growing cool-climate varietals is to create elegant, classic Oregon wines from the Willamette Valley Appellation. As native Oregonians, we treasure our environment and use sustainable practices in growing and vinifying our wine grapes."

### THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: perfectly balanced of fruit and brightness

AROMAS / FLAVORS: blossom, lime-citrus and pear

MOUTHFEEL: dry to off-dry

### THE SELLING POINTS

**SUSTAINABILITY:** Certified Sustainable, Sustainable In Practice

**PAIRINGS:** salads to seafood, including salmon, shrimp, crab and chowder.

