

2012

ISLAND VIEW VINEYARD

PINOT BLANC

OLD MISSION PENINSULA, MICHIGAN



THE VINEYARD:

This vineyard sits in the heart of Old Mission Peninsula. Planted in 1995 it has become the most renowned single vineyards on the Old Mission Peninsula. The row orientation is east/west. This gives the southern side of the vines a full day exposure to the sun. The north and south sections are picked independently with blending decisions coming later. Grower Werner Kuehnis puts his Swiss raised ideals of perfection to practice among the 1100 vines. This man loves work and he loves wine and it is difficult to distinguish which he prefers. It has become a model for viticultural excellence in Michigan.

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APPELLATION: Old Mission Peninsula

VARIETIES: Pinot Blanc

ACREAGE: 1

YEAR PLANTED: 1995

GROWN BY: Werner Kuehnis

THE SHORT VERSION:

A soft pear swimming in reduced apple cider, sprinkled with lavender

THE LONG VERSION:

Of the sisters Pinot, much has been sung. Noir is the popular cheerleader and Gris is the brooding artist. Blanc is the prodigal daughter off on an adventure soon to return with all the confidence, grace, and worldly presence of a benevolent leader.

Pinot Blanc is often assumed to be a “blender” or at best an unassuming white wine. Not so with Michigan grown Pinot Blanc. This grape loves our cool climate and sandy soils. It is able to ripen an expression of powerful aromatics and intense fruity length while maintaining a buzzing acidity which keeps it fresh. This Pinot Blanc will re-define American Pinot Blanc as we know it. It’s already starting... read about it in Jancis Robinson’s *American Wine*.

HUNGRY? TRY THESE IDEAS:

Seared scallops, calamari steaks, mussels, eggs Benedict, pierogi

WINE GEEK TECHNO SPEAK:

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 9 g/l

PH: 3.32

TITRATABLE ACIDITY: 6.8 g/l

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

CASES PRODUCED: 350

SOILS: Sandy loam

FERMENTED & AGED: Stainless steel

AGING WINDOW: 1-2 years

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