

2016
ISLAND VIEW

PINOT BLANC

OLD MISSION PENINSULA, MICHIGAN



Pinot Blanc
Island View Vineyard
Old Mission Peninsula

THE SHORT VERSION:

Fresh apple and pear

THE LONG VERSION:

This Pinot Blanc is changing the wine world's perception of the grape. Ours is not the bland blender most people associate with classic Pinot Blanc. Instead, our vines release a wonderful aromatic presence of fresh apples and pears. The vines are hand thinned 6 times throughout the growing season to ensure that every cluster gets the proper amount of sunlight and every shoot is carefully positioned so that the leaves can receive the maximum amount of light as well. The fruit is hand-harvested by friends and family in a joyous celebration of wine, work, and food.

Once in the winery we quickly press to minimize skin contact and reduce the potential for bitterness. The juice ferments for about 8 weeks in cool oval shaped tanks. These tanks help to incorporate the yeast into the flavor profile which adds weight and roundness to the palate. Once fermentation is complete, we continue to age the wine for another 3 months with the yeast. This protects the delicate aromas and allows all the flavor components to meld together. The result is a complex and rich white wine.

2016 was a very solid growing season that gave us an excellent opportunity to showcase how interesting our growing region can be. Precious vintages like 2016 explain why we choose to dance along the edge of viticultural sanity here in Northern Michigan.

THE VINEYARD:

The Island View Vineyard is Michigan's oldest Pinot Blanc planting dating back to 1995 –last century! There are 1100 plants farmed under the watchful eye and expert hands of Werner Kuehnis.

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APPELLATION: Old Mission Peninsula

VARIETIES PLANTED: Pinot Blanc

ACREAGE: 1

YEAR PLANTED: 1995

GROWN BY: Werner and Margrit Kuehnis

WINE GEEK TECHNO SPEAK:

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 9 g/L

PH: 3.28

TITRATABLE ACIDITY: 6.4 g/L

ALCOHOL: 12.2 %

CASES BOTTLED: 340

AGING WINDOW: 3 years

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