

Z'IVO Wines ◦ 2013 Pinot Blanc  
Eola-Amity Hills AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon USA

WINEMAKER NOTES



This unusual clone of Pinot Blanc was a recognized, spontaneous mutation from Pinot Noir to Pinot Blanc about 100 years ago. Henri Gouges, the vineyard owner, understood what had happened and was intrigued enough to propagate it.

Over the years, this clone has become the white wine of Domaine Gouges. Imported to the United States, it was planted at Arcus Vineyard. I was lucky enough to gain experience with it from 2002 on, until their vineyard was plowed under. I was offered the chance to grow it on my own vineyard and I jumped at the opportunity. We grafted it onto 101/14 rootstock and planted it in Woodburn soil without irrigation in 2008.

This cool vintage threatened rot, we took great care at every step. Extra sorting, immediately racked off the lees, triple agent fined. It was fermented in neutral wood and completed malolactic.

235 cases produced. \$30 retail.

This complex wine is crisp yet still rich; layered with lemon topped with awesome buttery tones. The unusual phenolic presence that is characteristic of this clone gives weight to the mid-palate, framing the citrus and rich tones and accompanied by pear and lime zest. This wine delivers. It is drinking well now but will continue to evolve and intrigue.



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