

## BOREALIS

## THE GREAT NORTHERN WHITES

APPELATION

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD

**MONTINORE ESTATE** 

SOIL

**LAURELWOOD SERIES** 

AVERAGE VINE AGE

**35 YEARS** 

VARIETIES

MÜLLER-THURGAU (35%) GEWÜRZTRAMINER (29%)

> RIESLING (24%) PINOT GRIS (12%)

> > FERMENTATION

STAINLESS STEEL

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3.17

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6.6

RESIDUAL SUGAR

1.5%

ALCOHOL

12.5%

WINEMAKER

STEPHEN WEBBER

BOTTLING DATE

**APRIL 2018** 

## THE WINEMAKING

The Borealis is an off-dry aromatic white blend composed of primarily Alsatian varieties that grow on the estate vineyard at Montinore: Müller-Thurgau, Gewürztraminer, Riesling and Pinot Gris. In the winemaking process, each variety is fermented and finished separately, with decisions being made about acid and residual sugar on each individual wine. For example, the Gewürztraminer underwent a 24 hour skin soak, to coax increased flavor out of the skins, while the remaining varieties were processed promptly to enhance freshness and avoid any phenolic extraction. Using a variety of yeasts, mostly indigenous, the length of fermentations and the amount of time spent on lees is varied. All of this is done in consideration of how they will work together in the final blend. Extensive blending trials are done to ensure a bright, attractive wine, with a purity of flavor, and a fine balance between residual sugar and acidity. Borealis is Müller-Thurgau dominant making up 38% offering floral and stone fruit notes, followed by Gewürztraminer at 32%. The 19% Riesling offers delicate aromatics while the 11% Pinot Gris provides body and texture.

## THE WINE

Mouthwatering and multi-dimensional, this perennial crowd pleaser is a blend of our favorite cool-climate whites: Müller-Thurgau, Gewürztraminer, Riesling and Pinot Gris. Crafted to display the unique qualities of each variety, heady scents of orange blossom, ripe honeydew, guava and kiwi offer a vibrant introduction to this aromatic blend. The palate is sumptuous and round, bursting with stone fruit, Meyer lemon and juicy pear drizzled with caramel. This plushness yields to a clean, bright and uplifting finish.



