



BIBLE THUMPER Pinot Gris

BLASTED CHURCH

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Appellation: Okanagan Valley (VQA)

HARVEST NOTES

The fruit for the first edition of our Bible Thumper Pinot gris comes from the Matheson Creek Vineyard in Okanagan Falls. This vineyard block is consistently one of the top Pinot Gris blocks harvested by Blasted Church every year. Each year we pick this Pinot Gris at lower brix to retain the natural acid and produce a wine lower in alcohol. For this barrel fermented version we let the fruit hang for few extra days to enhance the flavours and increase the brix resulting in slightly higher alcohol. The Viognier component of this wine is from our grape grower in Oliver. These young, third leaf Viognier vines are showing concentrated characters and richness.

WINEMAKING

The Pinot gris was picked on October 7th. It was immediately sorted pre and post de-stemming. There was no cold soaking so the whole berries were pressed directly. The free run juice was kept separate from the pressings. After a day of settling the juice a blend was made using the free run and the pressings. The blend was put into barrel and warmed using an aquarium heater. The heat produced activated the wild yeast found in the juice. Daily monitoring of ferment temperatures, off aromas and taste were carried out. Only yeast nutrient was added during fermentation. The Viognier was processed in the same manner as the Pinot gris. After fermentation both wines were left to age in 50% new and 50% 2nd year french oak for five months. Both wines did not undergo malolactic fermentation.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Colour: Golden straw.

Bouquet: Grapefruit, orange zest, vanilla, cinnamon, apple pie.

Palate: Medium bodied, with notes of apple, pear, honey, grapefruit followed by a hint of light lees resulting in a round mouth feel with underlying acid and solid oak characters.

Food Pairings: Jerk chicken, smoked salmon, oysters or simply honeydew or mangoes.

Varietal Profile

85% Pinot Gris
15% Viognier

Brix at Harvest

22.8 Bx
23.5 Bx

Total acidity:	6.7 g/L
Final pH:	3.60
Residual Sugar:	3.0 g/L
Alcohol:	13.6%
Cases Produced:	110
CSPC:	+415513

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