

# Technical Notes

## 2019 RHAPSODY PINOT BLANC WILLAMETTE VALLEY AVA

*Named for George Gershwin's  
"Rhapsody in Blue"*

Retail: \$28



Production:	51 Cases		
Clones:	100% Pinot Blanc - 12-year vines		
Soils:	Jory		
Harvest:	Sept. 26, 2019		
Harvest Brix:	20.9		
Cooperage:	Aged sur lie 6 months in stainless steel		
Bottled:	March 2, 2020	Released:	April 1, 2020
Alcohol:	12.4%	pH:	3.27

In 2018 we sourced our Pinot Blanc exclusively from Plum Hill Vineyard in Gaston, Oregon. The 2019 growing season marked a return to more traditional Willamette Valley weather. After some early heat, the summer brought lower average temperatures and wetter days carrying all the way through harvest. This resulted in a deep complexity of flavor profiles and a brighter, more acid driven vintage.

Lithe and lively, this jazzy white wine is aged sur lie in stainless steel tanks for six months to produce a food-friendly, fuller-bodied wine. No malolactic fermentation allows crisp acidity, subtle minerality and spicy characteristics to take center stage.



**BELLS UP**  
WINERY

Micro-boutique, un-domaine and always open by appointment, Bells Up Winery composes handcrafted, classically styled Oregon Pinot noir with grapes sourced primarily from micro-growers on the northern side of the Willamette Valley.

Established in 2013, our first wines were released Memorial Day 2015. We make approximately 500 cases annually and offer a small selection of other Oregon-grown varietals.

The 9-acre Bells Up estate vineyard, located in the Chehalem Mountains AVA just north of Newberg, is being planted in phases. The first 3 acres of Pommard and Clone 667 were planted spring 2014; the Willamette Valley's first planting of a 0.5-acre of Seyval Blanc in spring 2015; and 2.5 acres of Wadenswil, 113 and 943 planted in spring 2016. The first estate harvest occurred in fall 2017.

The name "Bells Up" refers to a dramatic moment in classical music where the composer instructs French horn players to lift the bells of their instruments up and project sound with maximum intensity. Bells Up's winemaker and owner Dave Specter—a French horn player who performed throughout high school and college—says the winery is his "Bells Up" moment.

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