

CASTLE CROWN

CELLARS

2022 Rainmaker Vineyard White Pinot Noir

Columbia Gorge, AVA

Vineyard

Rainmaker vineyard is an amphitheater shaped vineyard located high above the town of White Salmon in the Columbia Gorge AVA and farmed sustainably by the Singer family. At around 1,400 feet above sea level, Rainmaker is truly a site to behold. The cool, maritime influenced climate is often very windy resulting in a longer ripening period and a greater retention of acidity. In order to adequately capture the sun's rays, our Pinot noir vines here are planted on south facing volcanic soils overlooking the river valley and mountains beyond. All this makes for some wonderfully elegant wines.

Winemaking

Whole clusters of Pinot noir were quickly and gently pressed in a bladder press to avoid any extraction of color. The resulting juice was then spontaneously fermented with wild yeasts in neutral oak barriques, and stirred twice daily, until dryness. Once finished, it lay dormant on the lees for 6 months prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Notes of Granny Smith, pear blossom, ginger, honeydew and pineapple rind. The palate is clean and bright, with a balanced and mineral driven finish.

Production Notes

Blend: 100% Pinot noir

Clonal Selection: Clone 71 (Dijon 777)

Harvest Date: October 19th, 2022

Vineyard/AVA: Rainmaker Vineyard, Columbia Gorge

pH: 3.3 | **TA:** 6.0g/L | **Brix:** 21.5

ABV: 12.7%

