



CHORUS 2008

Retail: \$17.90

Varietals:

Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc, Viognier, Müller Thurgau, Kerner, Schönburger

Sources: Estate Vineyards

90% Home Vineyard - Lower Black Sage Bench

Vines: 15-26 years old

10% Orchard Grove Vineyard- Lower Black Sage Bench

Vines: 9 years old

Analysis:

pH: 3.22

Total Acidity: 5.6 g/L

Residual Sugar: 6.0 g/L

Alcohol: 13.3%

Harvest & Production

Harvesting Dates: Sept 26, Oct 4, Oct 19, Oct 25

Total Harvest: 7.5 tons

Production: 488 cases

Product Code: +194167

Vintage Notes: 2008

2008 was a challenging year that brought numerous idiosyncrasies. A cool start to the season delayed bud break, and a snowstorm in April saw temperatures drop well below zero. Cool weather continued through May, further delaying plant growth, however warm, dry weather in June through September provided a welcome boost and helped the vines regain lost time. An unseasonably cool October along with some severe frosts (-3° C) mid-month pushed harvest into early November when the last of our Pinotage was picked. Most of crush was compacted into a weeklong period when the majority of our fruit was harvested. Our vines pulled through in spite of these adverse conditions, producing fruit of complex character, intensity and outstanding natural acidity.

Background & Vinification

Chorus was created to capture the best traits of our vineyards' white varietals. Difficult, if not impossible, to replicate in BC, this blend sets the intense aromatics of our old-vines Germanics against a tropical, mineral backdrop of Pinot Gris and Pinot Blanc. Viognier, a younger varietal in our vineyard, lends its signature perfume to the nose and firmness to the palate. Each varietal was cold fermented in separate stainless steel tanks for as long as three weeks. Some fermentations were halted before dryness to retain sugar. In the blending process, we aimed to create a wine with intense- but not cloying- aromatics, a rounded, juicy mouthfeel, and a touch of residual sugar. Low pH in the fruit ensured that the wine would be bright and fresh.

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An attractive, aromatic, affordable summer sipper that hits all the right notes for the price.”

-Anthony Gismondi, Vancouver Sun

Tasting Notes

The wine is crisp and bright with a floral, tropical fruit nose. A refreshing streak of minerality punctuates a complex, layered palate of peachy citrus flavours. Overall, cheerful.

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