

De Ponte Cellars



Vintage: 2011

Estate: De Ponte Estate Vineyard

Region: Dundee Hills

Name: De Ponte Cellars DFB Melon de Bourgogne

Grape: 100% Melon de Bourgogne

Aging Potential: 2-3 years, but should be drunk young

Data: Alcohol - 12.5%

Soil Type: Jory soil

Production: 1,121 cases

Vintage Notes:

Another cool wet year similar to 2010. While degree days trailed 2010 through July, they have exceeded last year in August and September, especially in the northern Willamette Valley. Precipitation has been lower than 2010. July produced a good flowering and set, lifting expectations. The long hang time allowed delicious, mature flavors to develop. Oregon experienced a cool and damp spring which got the growing season off to a late. Initial indications are for wines that will be rich with great color and moderate in alcohol that will pair superbly with food.

Tasting Notes:

A gorgeous nose of fruit blossoms, banana and citrus. The mouth is round with green apple and Asian pear followed by the mouth watering finish which is crisp and defined.

Food Pairings:

Oysters, avocado, tomato and mango salsa over grilled halibut, red curry Pad Thai, chicken and crawfish jambalaya.

