

OREGON

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

ILLAHE WINERY DALLAS



OVERVIEW | Illahe is a Chinook Jargon word meaning “earth,” “land,” or “soil,” which fits both this vineyard’s location and the winery’s desire to craft wine that expresses the variety of soils on the estate, which include golden sedimentary clay, orange volcanic soils, and light taupe loams.

VINEYARD AREA: 50 acres

SOIL TYPES: golden sedimentary clay, orange volcanic soils, light taupe loams

GRAPE VARIETIES: pinot noir, pinot gris, and others

Illahe Vineyards was established in 2000 by Lowell Ford, grower of Oregon grapes since 1983. The 50-acre vineyard is home for 35 acres of pinot noir and smaller plantings of riesling, pinot gris, grüner veltliner and other varietals. Customers in the past have included Evesham Wood, Cristom, Joe Dobbies, and Firesteed.

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | Illahe is a LIVE-certified, Salmon Safe vineyard. They use cover crops on most of the vineyard, do extensive green pruning and conduct plant topping, prune by hand and harvest by hand, and use sulfur spray to control for powdery mildew and botrytis.

They aim for balanced production and optimal ripeness. This includes a program of minimal or no irrigation, leaf pulling to decrease shade, and dropping all green clusters after veraison.

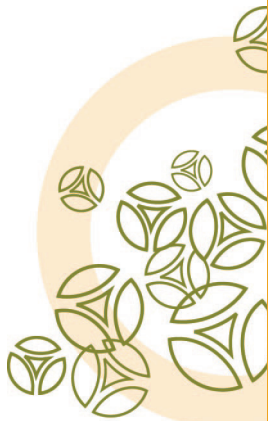
One of their goals at Illahe is to reduce the use of fossil fuels throughout the year. As they continue to develop, we hope to begin using horses at the vineyard and run our tractors on biodiesel, yet our most immediate concerns are making wine and finishing our production facility. They have begun solar energy production and will be equipped with rainwater harvesting capabilities when the winery begins harvest 2008.

Illahe’s winemakers are Brad Ford and Michael Lundeen. Their winemaking emphasizes small-batch ferments with a diversity of yeast and whole-cluster percentages, often with treaded punchdowns, allowing the winemakers to feel the fermentation kinetics. They shovel the pomace into a wooden basket press, helping eliminate seed tannins and providing an exceptionally gentle pressing. Whites are temperature-controlled and adjusted in small tank lots. Michael and Brad work together on selecting the best barrels of pinot noir from a diverse selection of coopers to create the reserve and grand reserve bottlings. All their processes are natural, careful, and clean.

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Pinot Noir Willamette Valley

Pinot Gris Willamette Valley



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