

## OREGON

### WILLAMETTE VALLEY

#### RANSOM MCMINNVILLE



**OVERVIEW** | Ransom was first started by Tad Seestedt in 1997 as a distillery in Portland, producing grape-based spirits. Wine production came a few years later with a goal of producing character filled artisan wines for the table – and always presenting great value. Tad called these projects “Ransom,”

because that’s exactly what he felt like he was paying his lenders in order to start these businesses. Fruit is sourced from organic and biodynamically farmed vineyards and winemaking is pure, minimally mechanized, and instinctively non-interventionist, with juice for the wines typically restricted to free-run (before pressing for spirits). As with his grappas and eau de vies, Tad’s whites are expressively aromatic.

**TOP SITES:** *Temperance Hill, Cattrall*

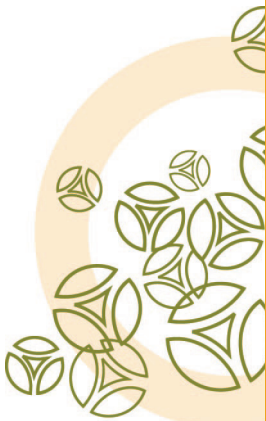
**SOIL TYPES:** *basalt, nekkai, & jory*

**GRAPE VARIETIES:** *pinot noir, pinot gris, pinot blanc, riesling, gewurztraminer*

**VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES** | Tad sources organic, sustainable and biodynamic vineyards. The wines are hand crafted in a style that emphasizes acidity, purity, structure and length.

**WINES** | Ransom produces small batches of site specific Riesling, Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer and Pinot Noir. Tad’s creative and thoughtful personality is occasionally indulged by making Port (fortified with Gewurztraminer Aquavita), Botrytised Riesling, Gamay Noir and other wonderfully curiosities. The wines are hand crafted in a style that emphasizes acidity, purity, structure and length. The ‘Selection’wines are vintage cuts of the best Pinot Noir barrels and Pinot Gris wines. The Vineyard Designate wines are where yield and quality meet.

Tad also makes Jigsaw Pinot Noir, a fantastic value Pinot that is more wine and less hype. This wonderful “Pinot for the People” with its cerebral punk style is the perfect choice for by the glass and wine shop stacks. Tad feels that it is the function of wine and food to enhance fellowship, discussion and the exchange of ideas.



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