



#### FERMENTATION



## LAUGHING STOCK VINEYARDS BLIND TRUST WHITE 2014

**Harvest Date**  
October 07, 2014

**Cases Produced**  
490

**pH**  
3.52

**Acidity**  
5.8 g/L

**R.S.**  
3.5 g/L

**Alcohol**  
14.0%

**INSIDER TIP** Blind taste the Blind Trust and try to guess the varietals before disclosing the assets which are kept under wrap and seal of the capsule.

#### Wine Profile

A blind trust is a financial trust in which the executors have full discretion over the assets, and the trust beneficiaries have no knowledge of the holdings of the trust. Our Blind Trust is a wine in which the winemaker has full discretion over the blend so you'll just have to trust us.

This year's combination of varietals offers a bright, vibrant display of acidity and fruit flavours. A nose of grapefruit and violet opens up to peach and lime zest, from the layers created by this unique blend.

#### Winemaking Notes

Our winemaking choices for this vintage include whole cluster pressing for a fresh fruit profile and settling the juice with no skin contact. Much of our winemaking approach relies on blending which brings together the unique characteristics of each varietal and creates layers of flavors and complexity. As well, we employ a range of aging strategies including some barrel fermentation in both barrels and puncheons (double the size of a regular barrel) to combine with the stainless steel portions.

If you want to blind taste the Blind Trust, read no further. *Spoiler alert:* the blend is 50% Pinot Gris, 20% Viognier, 18% Pinot Blanc, and 12% Roussanne.

#### Vintage Notes

Simply put, the 2014 growing year was HOT. For grape growing, that translates to a quality vintage year. Even with the typical June rains, the season was above average for temperatures and the early spring really created a long growing season. While we anticipated an early harvest, we did get a nice pause with warm days and cool nights typical of the Okanagan Valley. This allowed flavours to develop and catch up with the sugar development and still retain fresh acidity for balanced whites. Definitely a stunning vintage.

#### Vineyards

3 sites on the Naramata Bench plus our Perfect Hedge Vineyard in Osoyoos.



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