

II APEX

APEX CELLARS II

2008 Pinot Gris

Blend

100% Pinot Gris

Vineyards

33% Smanse
67% Minnick

Bottling Date

May 5, 2009

Fermentation

100% stainless steel with
M1 and QA23 yeast strains

Maturatons

4 months stainless
steel on fine lees

Fining

PVPP during fermentation;
light bentonite pre-bottling

Bottling

pH: 3.67
TA: 6.8 g/L
Alc: 13.0%
RS: 0.04 %

Apex Cellars is one of Washington's most respected wineries. Its three brands, Apex, Apex II, and Bridgman, cover the spectrum from reserve-caliber, vineyard-designate wines to wines that can be enjoyed every day. Apex Cellars has one of the state's most enviable records for awards per wine entered in local, regional or national competitions. All of the winery's brands have received glowing reviews from respected wine experts here and abroad.

Columbia Valley

Washington's success with vinifera is due in large measure to the state's unique geography. The vineyards are planted on the east side of the Cascade Mountains, which serve to protect the region from marine weather off the Pacific coast and limit rainfall to just 6 - 8 inches annually. Low rainfall and free-draining soils allow vineyard managers to control vine vigor in order to promote flavor and ripen fruit to perfection. Cool autumn nights protect the grapes' natural acidity.

Tasting Note

Straw yellow in color, the nose contains aromas of ripe pear, golden apples and fresh melon. This wine starts slightly off-dry which adds texture and weight to the mid-palate, yet finishes dry due to balanced acidity and structure; flavors of ripe apple and pear persist throughout. A great cocktail wine!

