



an exceptional willamette valley artisan estate
wines made at carleton winemakers' studio



LAZY RIVER VINEYARD

WILLAMETTE VALLEY • OREGON

Eric Hamacher, Winemaker



The Lumpkin family's 146-acre home and vineyard site is barely 3.5 miles from Yamhill, Oregon. The Lumpkins have sold fruit to Hamacher, Panther Creek, Andrew Rich and Ponzi for years, but finally began bottling their own Pinot Noir with the 2002 vintage. A contractor by trade, Ned Lumpkin was instrumental in developing the Carlton Winemakers' Studio in collaboration with Eric Hamacher (winemaker for Lazy River). The Lumpkin family remains a partner in the facility and Lazy River fermentation, *élevage* and bottling are accomplished at the Carlton Winemakers' Studio.

One of Oregon's more beautiful viticultural sites, the Lumpkin property is anchored by a bench of predominantly Jory soil unusual outside of the Dundee Hills. The south slope of the property emerged from lower strata when violent earth movement fractured ancient glacial deposits left by the Missoula flow, exposing the deep Jory soil so exceptional for Pinot Noir vines. The Lumpkins planted 30 acres of Pinot Noir to conform to the undulations of the property, adding an acre of Pinot Gris and two acres of Riesling on a bit of stony ground.

The Lazy River property is a mixed terrain of interlocking rolling meadows, vineyard parcels and ponds separated by a small, meandering river. The Lumpkins have retained wildlife havens on the property with hay fields north of the river. The vineyards begin at an elevation of 250 feet and quickly angle upward to 425 feet. West of this crest, the Coast Range of Mountains separates the Willamette Valley from the Pacific Ocean.

RIESLING

*a hint of pineapple followed by green apple with the barest suggestion of citrus; a crisp yet mouth-filling Riesling aged in stainless steel... **from a production of about 90 cases***

PINOT GRIS

*very pale gold with complex aromas of apricot, citrus and pear; sharp, clean, with well-defined flavors of grapefruit and green apple, solid balance and impressive structure; multi-faceted with a very long finish; aged in stainless for 7 months... **200 cases produced***

PINOT NOIR

*a blend of seven different clones; medium-dark ruby; ripe, dark-cherry, raspberry and cola with underlying earthiness and minerality; firm tannic structure with bright acids; soft on the mid-palate with a medium to long finish.... **660 cases produced***

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