



The Vintage

2012 was a nearly perfect vintage, with slow, even ripening and dry fall weather, giving us grapes with abundant sugars and balanced acidity. Many Willamette Valley winemakers have called this the best fruit they've seen in decades.

The Wine

The **2012 Illahe Vineyards Viognier** is fruit forward and rich, with the flavor and texture of a ripe peach. It is perfect wine for sipping on your back porch on a warm summer afternoon.

Illahe is a Chinook Jargon word meaning "earth," "land," or "soil." We feel this reflects both our location in Oregon, as well as our desire to craft wines that express the variety of soils on our beautiful estates. Lowell Ford, grower of Oregon grapes since 1983, established Illahe Vineyards in 2000. Lowell's son and Illahe's winemaker, Brad Ford, believes in the benefits of gentle grape handling, meticulous sorting, small-lot fermentation, pigeage, careful pressing, and a balanced barrel regime to create clean, aromatic, and expressive wines.

Technical Data:

Production: 800 cases

AVA: Willamette Valley

Winemaker: Brad Ford

Alc. 12.0% by volume

pH: 3.2

Brix at Harvest: 21.5

Fermentation in 100% stainless steel

Residual Sugar: 1.5%

Vineyards: Goschie Farms, Plagmann Vineyard