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2006 Benton-Lane Willamette Valley Pinot Gris



**Comments: TWO AND A HALF STARS 2006 Benton-Lane
Willamette Valley Pinot Gris (\$16)**

Carol and Steve Girard bought an old sheep ranch in 1988 to create a winery. Sunnymount Ranch is in a "rain shadow" just east of some of the highest peaks in Oregon's coastal mountain range, an advantage in the often-soggy state. This is an intense, fresh-tasting wine with plenty of tart pineapple and some papaya on the midpalate.

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