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2005 Willamette Valley Pinot Gris A ripe Oregon gris, this wine has a luxurious opulence that brings to mind Alsace wines. It smells of pears and apples overlaid with notes of vanilla bean, nutmeg and sweet pea blossoms. On the palate it's rich and elegant, concentrated and deep, its pear flavors brought to a close with a lofty minerality. It will stand up to choucroute with aplomb. (2,500 cases) *Benton-Lane Winery, Monroe, OR*