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IT'S TIME TO TAKE A QUICK BREAK FROM CHARDONNAY

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This bright, crisp wine comes from Oregon's famed Willamette Valley. The red wine celebrity from that area is Pinot Noir. But the white is Pinot Gris. It's basically the same grape as Pinot Grigio, only with a French pedigree, not Italian. I find this one to be intense with noticeable acidity, characteristic of a good Pinot Gris. It has a clean, fresh feel and taste, with a suggestion of citrus in the finish. The wine maker suggests matching it with chili lime chicken kabobs. About \$20.

CEDAR + SALMON / WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT GRIS 2016