

2019 DUNDEE HILLS PINOT NOIR

To unpack this Pinot Noir is to dig through layer upon intriguing layer of the storied Dundee Hills appellation. The appellation offers the power of plurality within a single, unique place. The immaculate growing conditions bring every detail of the five select vineyard sites to life—the varying blocks, soil types, vine ages, and clones—resulting in a wine brimming with complexity.

VINTAGE Winemaker Ian Burch describes the 2019 growing season as an especially Oregonian one. Two inches of rain fell during harvest, making precise picking windows all the more important to keep the fruit in top health. While rain can cause headaches for the winemaking crew, it can also dial the chemistry of the fruit in and replenish the vines and soils. Now that we've tasted through the vintage, we can sing the praises of this early autumn rainfall. The 2019s are ethereal, soulful, and balanced. Classic Oregon vintages possess this kind of tension—where fruit notes are offset by lovely tannin and just the right amount of acid lifts the entire wine out of the glass.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING The fruit for this wine comes from all five of our estate vineyards. The grapes were hand-harvested, sorted, and fermented in a combination of stainless steel, concrete, and wooden open top fermentors with 41% whole clusters in the tanks. After a 4-5 day cold soak, the tanks were pumped over twice a day until about two thirds of the way through fermentation, then a combination of pump over and punch down was performed once or twice a day decided upon by the winemaking team upon tasting every morning. The wine was pressed and aged in 38% new oak barrels until racking and blending in July, and put back down to barrel until February 2021.

TASTING & PAIRING NOTES Equal and subtle parts floral and spicedriven, this wine shows rose hip, hibiscus and strawberry on the nose. The aromatics persist, with flint and confectionary bubbling to the surface. On the palate, there's a boisterous but balanced blend of sweet and savory. Candied strawberry, flickers of oak and a juicy acidity are tied together elegantly by the tannins and spice that come from whole-cluster fermentation.



ANALYSIS: VARIETAL 100% Pinot Noir PH 3.59 TA 5.4 ALCOHOL 13.5%

KEY FACTS

The world-renowned Willamette Valley has become one of the most prized winegrowing regions on earth.

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