



2019 The Eyrie Vineyards PINOT NOIR THE EYRIE



THE VITICULTURE

Elevation: 260' - 410' Planted: 1966 - 1974 Acres: 7

Eyrie's original vineyard, and the home of the hawks that grace our label, the 7 acres of Pinot here were planted from 1965 to 1974 to Wadenswil, Pommard and Upright clones. The elevation runs from 260' up to 410' and faces south rolling east and west. This is the original planting of Pinot noir in the Willamette Valley. Viticulture at all of the estate vineyards is certified organic. In addition we practice regenerative no-till farming, with strict attention paid not just to the vines but to the healthy networks of soil organisms that support them. Not only does this approach avoid the need for artificial irrigation, it also nourishes the vines without the need for additional fertilizer, and captures atmospheric carbon.

THE VINIFICATION

One of five cuvées that are produced identically, with the same fermentation regimes of wild yeast and small fermentation vessels, followed by aging in blends of cooperage with 12% new oak in each. The result is a fascinating journey up the Dundee Hills, from our lowest elevation Sisters vineyard at 220' up to our highest elevation Daphne vineyard at 860'. Each wine reflects facets of soil, site, exposure, and vine age that together capture a precise portrait of how variations in place can influence Pinot noir.

THE VINTAGE

2019 was perhaps the most "Burgundian" autumn yet. Typically the Willamette Valley features wet winters and dry summers, whereas Burgundy distributes its rain evenly throughout the year. In 2019 we had a more Burgundian pattern, with rain and cooler days scattered throughout the pre-picking period.

Vines make sugar from air, sunlight, and water. 2019's well-timed rains increased sweetness while still retaining acidity - which leads to some of the best qualities a wine can have: refreshing and food friendly when young, but with superb cellar potential.



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation:	Dundee Hills
Vineyard Certification:	Organic
Estate Vineyard Site:	The Eyrie
Fermentation & Aging:	Native yeast, 11 hL open top fermenter, hand punched 2x day, full native malo, aged 23 months
Production in Cases:	350
Bottling Date:	August 2021
pH:	3.7
Total Acidity:	5.5 g/L
Alcohol % by Volume	13.17

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES & RAINFALL

