



# 2018 *The Eyrie Vineyards* TROUSSEAU ESTATE



## THE WINE

Eyrie's Jason Lett and crew planted the Willamette Valley's first Trousseau noir in 2012. The vividly red wine has aromas of dark berries, loam, and baking spices. Acidity and smoothness are perfectly balanced on the palate, with evolving flavors of herbs and fruits such as blackberry, pomegranate, and rhubarb. Light tannins combine with a precise, long finish to suggest promising ageability.

## THE VITICULTURE & VINIFICATION

Trousseau is an ancient variety, originating in France's Jura region and centered in the hillside village of Montigny-les-Arsures. In 2012, inspired by these wines, Jason Lett planted the Willamette Valley's first Trousseau.

Our Trousseau is made from estate-grown, no-till organic grapes and transformed to juice by wild yeast. It aged in neutral oak puncheons for 10 months. We strive to make a Trousseau that's the truest expression of the fruit. That's why we've chosen to not fine or filter this wine, and to bottle it with moderate levels of sulfur.

## THE VINTAGE

2018 gave us a warm start, cooling after mid-June. Summer was dry with a record 90 days without rain. Days remained cool in spite of the dry weather, with reliable nighttime cooling drops of 25 to 30 degrees. Due to good conditions during bloom, crop yields were modest but healthy. We saw neither the need for radical thinning that we did in 2014, nor the low yields of 2011. And the timing of bloom was almost perfect, setting us up to harvest in late September.

By the time we began picking, the seasonal average temperatures were actually very close to the thirty year average. We managed the ferments more lightly than usual, and also pressed lightly, to encourage finesse from a dry year.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation:	Dundee Hills
Vineyard Certification:	Organic
Estate Vineyard Site:	Sisters
Fermentation & Aging:	Native yeast, 11 hL open top fermenter, hand punched 2x/day, full native malo, aged 30 month
Production in cases:	259
Bottling date:	May 2018
pH:	3.98
Total acidity:	5.1 g/L
Alcohol % by volume	12.78

## AVERAGE TEMPERATURES & RAINFALL

