



2017 RR Pinot Noir

Ridgecrest Vineyards

Ribbon Ridge AVA

Willamette Valley

Oregon

Vintage Notes

Ah, a classic bone-chilling, damp Oregon winter. That's the ticket. The vines pushed through in mid-April, only to be followed by a roller coaster of weather — record highs and lows throughout the late spring and summer kept us guessing, and thinning crop as necessary. Huge fires in the Columbia Gorge and Southern Oregon meant delayed maturation due to smoke, leading to higher acidity levels.

Wise decision-making in the vineyard was key to the success of this vintage. Pondering the potential effects of each decision, and good, old-fashioned prognostication go hand-in-hand in years like this. It was possibly the most unusual, thought-provoking vintage to date. We played our cards beautifully, and are thrilled with the results. We know you will be, too.

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Tasting Notes

A darker hue of red, with pretty oak and a heritage of sweet berry fruit that has a lift to it - bright and showy on aroma and palate - as in cobbler or clafoutis. But, this is not a “fruity” wine. It’s deeper than that, with a history of hard work and patience that 39 years vine maturity shows. You'll discover a dark, chewy palate of dusty red and black fruit, laced with licorice, with five-spice, allspice and pepper in the finish. Balanced acidity and fine tannins set the stage for this vibrant pure reflection of time on Ribbon Ridge - past, present and future.

Technical Data

Alcohol - 13.7%

TA - 5.9 g/L

pH - 3.39

Production - 472 cases

Release - November 2019

Drink - now - 2032



Aging wine

building a fourth dimension

In the appreciation of wine, we always want more. We want to know details, experience the lifestyle, and be ahead of others in discovering future epiphanies. Many people understand the beauty, versatility and magic of Pinot Noir freshly released from their favorite winery and currently on wine shelves. But few people understand what an older wine should taste like and the oohs and aahs of ultimate pleasure that result from the experience of drinking a bottle held by someone for years.

"One of the dimensions of fine wine that is often overlooked is bottle development."

- Harry Peterson-Nedry

As a wine ages, it gains a fourth Dimension. Restaurants rarely have cellars to supply an authentic Reserve List. Retail bottle shops often have wines no older than last week's delivery. Gone are the days when dust and cobwebs were wiped away to find a "special" wine for you in either place. Sadly, gone also is the ability to see a different spectrum of flavors, aromas, textures, and nuances found only in aged wines. But this doesn't have to be the case. RR wines were built to age gracefully. Delicious now, these bottles will only improve with time, as evidenced by the stunning array of library wines we've been aging just for you.



Age-worthy wines from the first vines planted on Ribbon Ridge.

