



## 2018 RR Pinot Noir

Estate Reserve  
Ridgecrest Vineyards  
Ribbon Ridge AVA  
Willamette Valley  
Oregon



93pts Wine Spectator

### Vintage Notes

We kind of cruised into the 2018 harvest, after an early bud break and bloom, a comfortably warm spring, and those precious, cool, summer evenings that make our eyes light up. The stellar prospect of the vintage was heightened by a “cool” final ripening compared most of the previous five. Perfectly ripe, but not overly so. Zero disease pressure, thanks to coastal and ridge-top breezes and the absence of rain. Rich flavors with an edge of restraint, combined with the lift of gentle acidity. Textbook perfect from our vantage, and worthy of all the hype.

### WinemakerNotes

The intensity of the 2018 vintage is the focus of our barrel selection Pinot Noir from Ridgecrest Vineyards. This wine is comprised of two clones of the oldest vines on Ribbon Ridge AVA, Pommard and Wädenswil, and shows the depth and complexity of flavor and aroma only old vines can produce. The color is the first indication of depth; showing deep, dark, purple-red color. Aromatic intensity shows with fresh-picked warm blackberries, cherry liqueur, vanilla and wood spice, and sultry berry crumble. Sweet and spicy play on the palate as well, with dense, firm fruit tannins mid-palate which taper to a long and smooth finish, and accents of cocoa powder and blue to black fruit. All that, wrapped in a tight little bow of acid, is a complete package that will only continue to reward those that have the patience to wait for a few years of aging.

### TechnicalData

**AbV** - 14.6% | **TA** - 5.9 g/L | **pH** - 3.46

**Cooperage** - 10 months in 53% new, 40% 1-yr & 7% neutral + 7 months neutral French oak barrels

**Production** - 364 cases

**Release** - November 2020

**Enjoy** - now - 2037



# 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.

