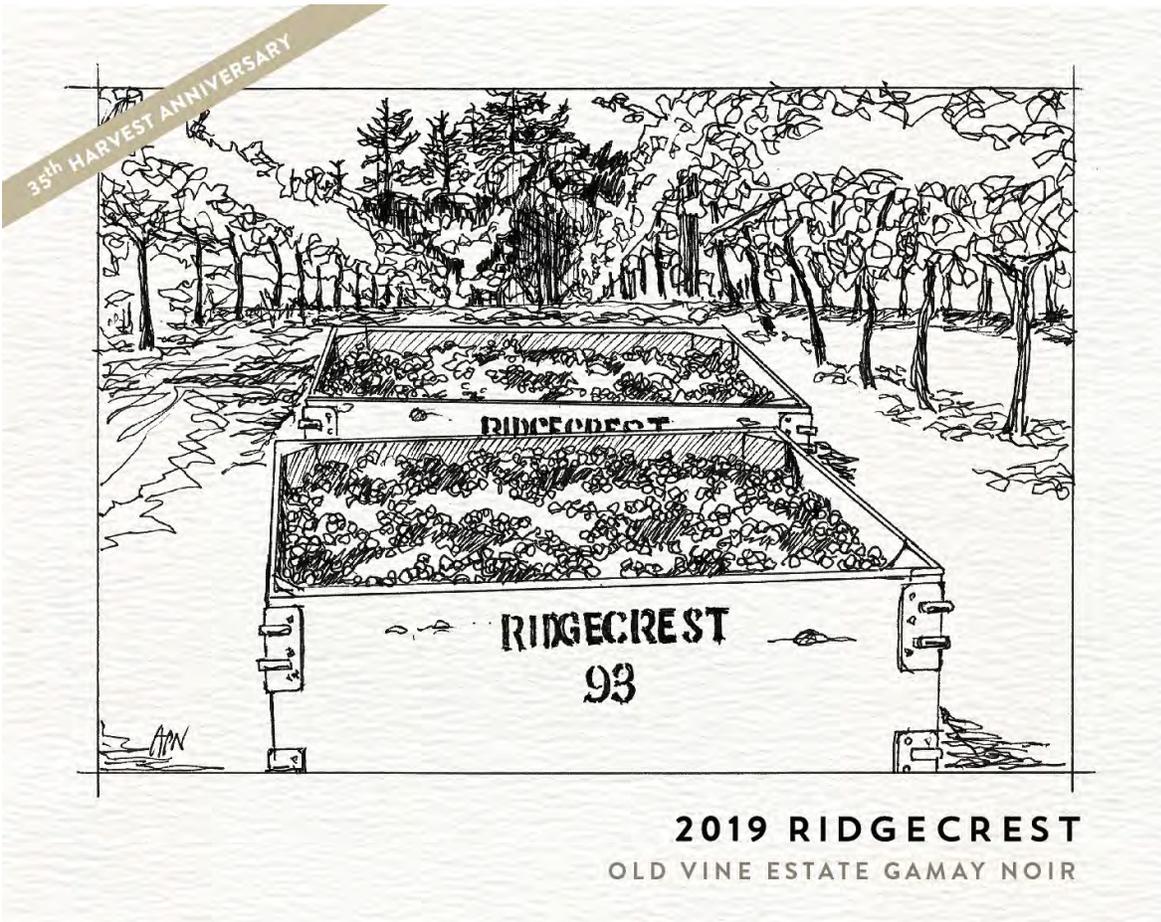


RIBBON RIDGE WINERY



RIDGECREST VINEYARDS | RIBBON RIDGE AVA | WILLAMETTE VALLEY | OREGON

ABOUT THE VINEYARDS

Ridgecrest Vineyards is dry-farmed sustainably according to **LIVE** (Low Input Viticulture & Enology) standards.

Established - 1980 | Planted - 1982 - current
Elevation - 480 - 690ft | Acreage - 120 total | 41 planted

Of those planted acres, only 2.5 are Gamay Noir, including 1 acre planted in 2019 and 1.5 acres of own-rooted vines planted in 1985, the oldest in the Willamette Valley.

VINTAGE NOTES

2019 was an old school Willamette Valley Harvest: watching weather reports, valuing coffee over beer, charging bird cannon batteries, and consoling old friends newly moved to Oregon from California. Chats, waiting to offload an ancient truck's fruit, were punctuated by "cool growing season, early rains, hang time, sugar, birds, electric sunset, botrytis, more birds, sunny days are overrated anyway..."

Despite an old-school vintage, the concentration, depth of flavor, color and structure of recent years all seem to be there. *And the old is new again!*

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our old vine Gamay gave us a lot of love in 2019, with an abundant harvest and more "traditional" Oregon vintage characteristics, brought on with a few spurts of rain and cooler days near the end of ripening, to show the traditional cool-climate of the Willamette Valley. This Gamay reflects the elegance and power from Ribbon Ridge, and a profile that Cru Beaujolais lovers will appreciate. The wine has a medium-garnet color with aromatics of green peppercorn staccato, spicy tobacco, cedar, and dried cherry accents, adding depth to a more persistent black cherry and chocolate core. Next, we envision biting a fresh, ripe, dusty plum, sensing the velvety sweet flesh of the fruit, and the clean, bright finish, accented with acid that is crisp and precise. Best served slightly chilled with your favorite wood fired pizza or grilled meats, or around the Thanksgiving table as a perfect complement to turkey and all the fixins.

TECHNICAL DATA

AbV - 12.4% | **TA** - 7.3 g/L | **pH** - 3.22

AGING - 10 months 7% New & 93% Neutral French oak barrels

CLONES - 221, 282 & 284

PRODUCTION - 369 cases

RELEASE - November 2020

ENJOY - Now - 2032





*A dad,
a daughter,
and a hill.*



Harry Peterson-Nedry, Founder



Wynne Peterson-Nedry, Winemaker | Proprietor



Ridgecrest Vineyards,
Ribbon Ridge AVA | Willamette Valley | Oregon

When we first set foot on Ribbon Ridge in 1980, we knew it was something special. There was an indefinable magic to the place, in the low-slung, rolling hills that rise and fall like the breath of a slumbering child. It was undeniably alive, and bursting with potential.

In 1980 folks thought we were just plain nuts to plant wine grapes on that chilly rise located on the western edge of the Willamette Valley. The common thought at the time was that the site was situated too far west for grapes - too windy, too foggy, too cool.

We naively followed our gut in 1982, planting the first vineyard on what would one day become one of the premier wine appellations in Oregon, the Ribbon Ridge AVA. Ridgecrest Vineyards did not disappoint. Early barrel samples were encouraging. We studied it, continued to plant, and dug deeply.

We know these vineyards – the ins and outs, strengths, and peculiarities of each and every block. We've done our homework.

Now, it's recess. We're ready to come out and play.*

Our new Ridgecrest label allows us to do just that – to experiment with all of those blocks, lots, and barrels that beg our attention every harvest – the ones we are loathe to blend with others, because they are just so damned intriguing. Pinot Noir will be the mainstay of the Ridgecrest label, with supporting roles played by Grüner Veltliner and Gamay.

Harry Peterson-Nedry

Wynne Peterson-Nedry



*Follow our progress from barrel to bottle,
from yurt to winery at ridgecrestwines.com.*

*as much as two nerdy chemists have the capacity to do.