

RIBBON RIDGE WINERY



RIDGECREST VINEYARDS | RIBBON RIDGE AVA | WILLAMETTE VALLEY | OREGON

ABOUT THE VINEYARDS

The ocean sedimentary soils found here are noticeably different from those of the neighboring Yamhill-Carlton, Chehalem Mountains or Dundee Hills AVAs. They have a geographic time line and chemistry all their own. We dry farm here – a marked choice we made to encourage robust vines and deep root systems. Dry farming allows fruit to develop a complexity akin to that found in music – with volume being determined by vintage, an artful mix of bass and treble added on the cellar track, and the deep-down embrace of rock foundations. Of the 40 planted acres that constitute Ridgecrest Vineyards, the 2.2 acre block of Grüner is less than 6%.

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

Do you love Grüner as much as we do? We couldn't be happier about releasing this frisky child into the world. It's a bit less pensive than its 2018 counterpoint, as the mineral and spice side shows through in spades, and the weighty texture has been toned down just a hair. The nose is all oyster shells, white flower and jalapeño, and the mouth mimics the nose, with the addition of yellow apple, lemon curd, and white pepper. The juxtaposition of texture and brightness is remarkable, having weight and supple texture, but also having a mineral-focused cleansing edge and a juiciness that persists long after the wine is gone from your mouth. This is the yin and yang you've been looking for.

TECHNICAL DATA

AbV - 13.0% | **TA** - 6.3 g/L

pH - 3.26 | **RS** - 1.3 g/L

AGING - 5 months 50% Stainless Steel 50% neutral French Oak

PRODUCTION - 294 CASES

RELEASE - APRIL 2020

ENJOY - NOW - 2024





A dad, a daughter, and a hill.



Harry Peterson-Nedry | Founder

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, 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 Gamay Noir, Grüner Veltliner, Pinot Gris and Riesling.



Wynne Peterson-Nedry | Winemaker/Proprietor



Ridgecrest Vineyards, Ribbon Ridge AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon

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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.