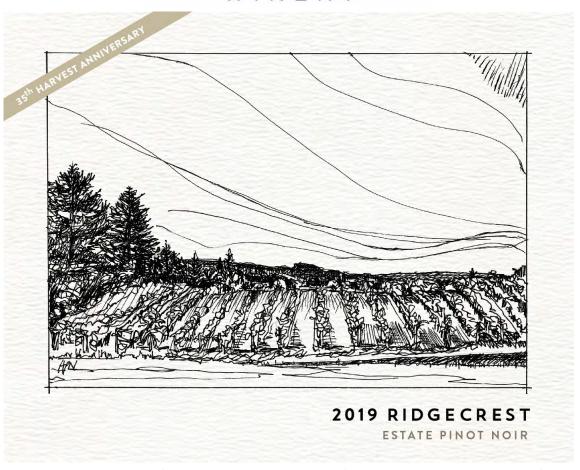
# RIBBON RIDGE

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, almost 25 are Pinot Noir, including Pommard (52%), Wadenswil (16%) and Dijon Clones 115 (10%), 667 (11%) & 777 (11%). The earliest plantings, own-rooted vines planted in 1982.

### **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

The characteristics of Ribbon Ridge show through in classic form in 2019, as in every year, with our Estate bottling of Pinot Noir. We combine barrels from both our 37-year-old and our 16-year-old plantings into one beautifully crafted blend of the old and the new(er). Old vine fruit gives a deep and dense high-caliber chocolate bar characteristic, as well as Asian five-spice, rose, and cigar box on the nose, while the more youthful vines add an edge of vibrant Bing cherry, mint, and juicy playful plum on the palate. Firm, lengthy tannins, perfectly balanced dark fruit, and bright fleshy acid are obtained from both young and old vines alike, and come together in a Pinot Noir that is poised to age for many years longer than it will likely last in your cellar.

## TECHNICAL DATA

A: N%3.4% tTA %5.9 g/L tpH %3.58

**AGIN?** %0 months French Oak | 1. % New; \*+% 1-yr; 6) % neutral

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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 about 40 years ago, we knew it was something special. There was an indefinable magic to the place, in the lowslung, 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.

Crafting our cellar-worthy RR wines since 2002, 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, Riesling, Pinot Gris and Gamay Noir.

Harry Peterson-Nedry

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

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