



35TH HARVEST ANNIVERSARY

2019 RR Pinot Noir

Estate Reserve
Ridgecrest Vineyards
RibbonRidge AVA
Willamette Valley
Oregon



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 Notes

This RR Pinot is one of the deepest, chewiest, and most ageable wines we've made from our oldest and most cherished vines at Ridgecrest. The nose has depths of spice and brambly berries, dark and fragrant, like warm summer afternoons spent picking dusty sun-soaked blackberries and the purple fingers that remain. There are gingerbread and molasses notes, clove, brown sugar, dark and exuberant on the nose, fine cinnamon-like tannins, and chewy, mouth-filling barrel and fruit tannins on the finish. The balance and tannins are very slightly clumsy, much like the enticing bitterness of a dark roast coffee, and in a youthful growing-into-your-slacks sort of way. We all know the later bloomers are the ones to last the longest, so it may be best to wait a little while, or decant this one, if you'd like to enjoy it right after release.

Technical Data

AbV - 13.1% | TA - 5.9 g/L | pH - 3.56

Cooperage - 10 months 50% new, 29% 1-yr & 21% neutral French oak + 7 months neutral French oak

Clones - 57% Pommard, 29% Dijon 667 & 777, 14% Wädenswil | 100% destemmed | 0% whole cluster

Blocks - 71% 5-Acre Block planted 1982, 29% Wind Ridge Block planted 2003

Production - 342 cases

Release - November 2021 | **Enjoy** - now - 2039

91 points - Wine Enthusiast



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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.

