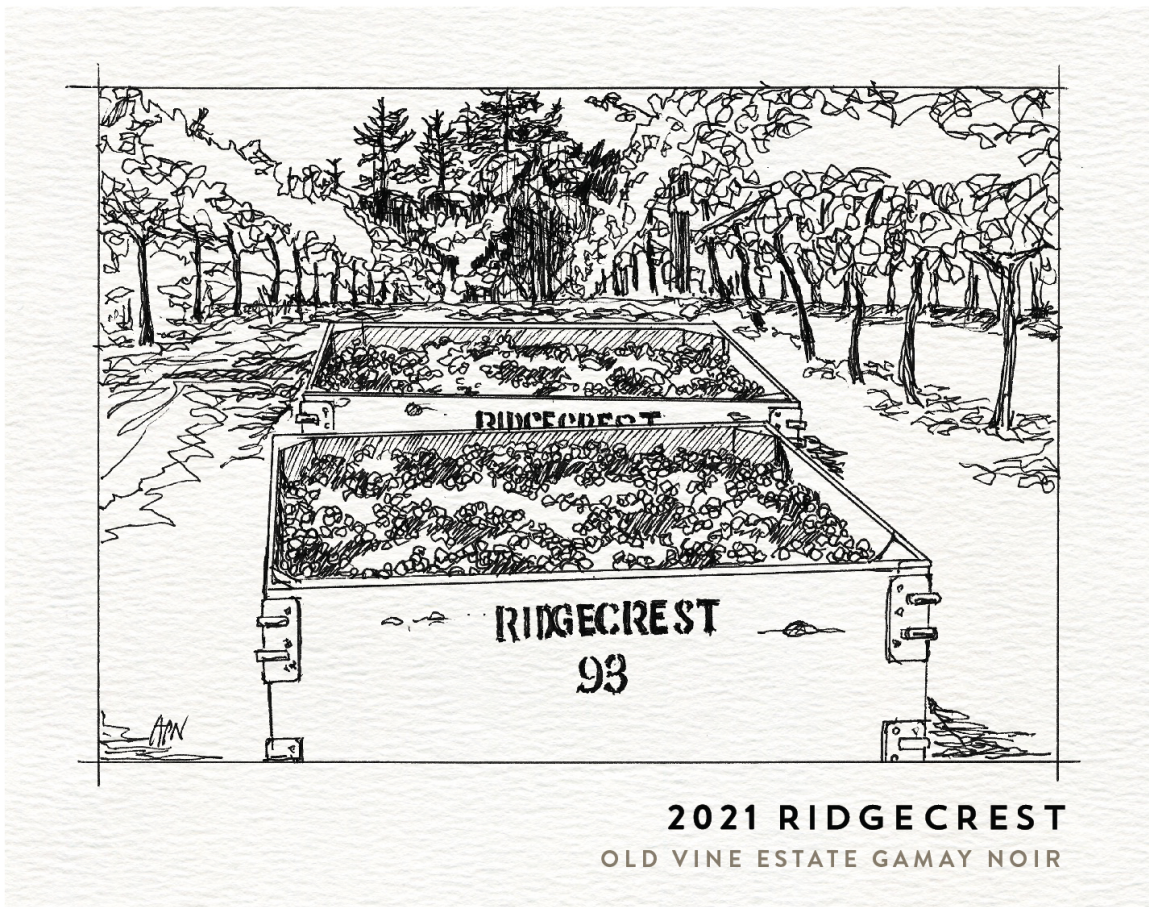




RIBBON RIDGE
WINERY



2021 RIDGECREST
OLD VINE ESTATE GAMAY NOIR

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 41 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

2021 looks excellent - of course, through the smoky rear-view of 2020, it isn't hard. Despite a growing season with searing heat spikes (116F), 2021 was a moderate vintage, beginning harvest the third earliest time in the last two decades, and ending in less than a month, October 5th. It was a "wait-until-they're ripe" vintage with a welcome splash of rain midway in September, after grapes were largely picked - just to prove we're Oregonians.

Based on full-ripeness AND generally very good acidity, 2021 may ultimately resemble 2018 in concentration, and 2008 in crop yield. Small and precise, leaving us wishing we had more to share.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

What a perfect wine for the last of our "Old Vine" designate Gamay Noir. The epitome of the Gamay grape, in our minds, has a perfect deep ruby-red hue, with a hint of purple, the perfect balance of fruit and spice, and all the other characteristics we find in this glass. The nose on the 2021 Old Vine Gamay Noir is beautifully spicy, with fresh huckleberry, blackberry crumble, cranberry sauce, and the spice level turned up with a mix of black tea, white pepper, chai tea, and anise. There is subdued silk-nap tannin on the palate, with great acid balance, a softer, more creamy and voluptuous mid-palate, and finishing with warm wood, plum skin, dried cherries, and a freshness that will help this wine age for years. What a well-deserved tribute to our last bottling of this remarkable, almost-40-year-old block of Gamay.

TECHNICAL DATA

AbV - 13.7% | **TA** - 8.3 g/L | **pH** - 3.18

AGING - 9 months 100% neutral French oak
| No whole cluster or carbonic maceration

PRODUCTION - 99 cases

RELEASE - September 2023

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93 - WE | 16+ JR |





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, 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, with supporting roles played by Gamay Noir, Grüner Veltliner, Pinot Gris and Riesling.

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