

Winemaker's Notes: 2019 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

Harvest:

- 65% Belle Pente Estate Vineyard, Yamhill-Carlton, marine sedimentary soil, planted 1998 & 1999
- Pommard, Wadenswil and Dijon 113, 114, 115 and 777 clones.
- 15% Foxy Rock Vineyard, Yamhill-Carlton, marine sedimentary soil, planted 2000 & 2002
- Pommard & Wadenswil clones.
- 10% Aileron Hill Vineyard, Yamhill-Carlton, transitional diabase soils, planted 2014
- Pommard and Dijon 115 selections
- 10% Steward Vineyard, Ribbon Ridge, marine sedimentary soils, planted 2014
- Pommard and Dijon 777 selections

Hand harvested Sep 14th thru 27th, average 23 deg. Brix and 3.5 pH
90% destemmed, 5-8 day cold soak (42-48F)

Fermentation & Aging:

Fermented with vineyard propagated, ambient, and selected (BRG) yeast strains
1.25 & 2.5 ton fermenters, punched down by hand twice per day
Average total cuvaision 19 days
Free run & light press wine (directly to barrel)

- 10% New French Oak (Remond, Sirugue & Francois Freres)
- 40% 1-2 year old
- 50% 3-5 year old

11-16 months barrel aging with one racking (barrel to tank for bottling)

Bottling:

Gravity bottled April 6th, 7th, and 27th 2021 (unfined and unfiltered)
1273 cases produced

13% Alcohol
5.7 g/L TA
3.57 pH

Comments:

This year's version is Belle Pente and Yamhill-Carlton heavy with a splash of Ribbon Ridge fruit. But the biggest news is a return to a classic, cool Willamette Valley vintage after 5 hot years. The wine is fresh and vibrant, with bright fruit and great underlying structure. Very "old world" style. Enjoy!

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aromatics of the volcanic Dundee sites with the silky, complex texture contributed by the Yamhill-Carlton vineyards.