

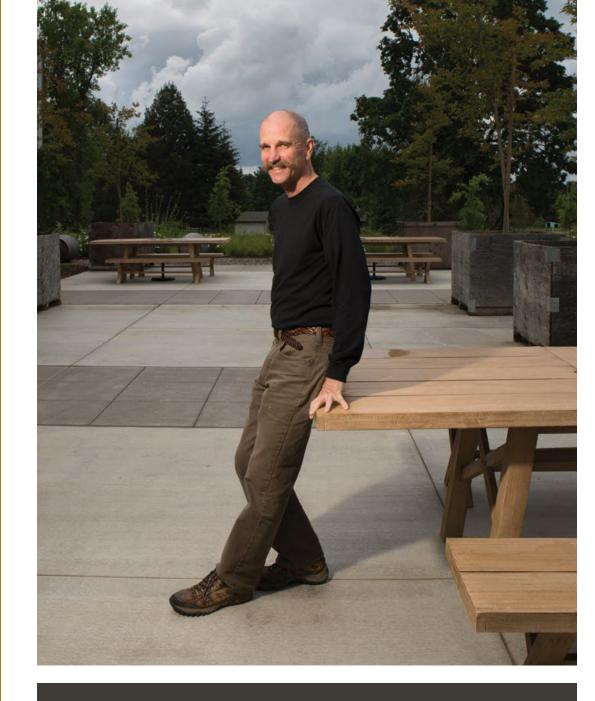


DUNDEE, OREGON









"There was a pioneering spirit growing grapes in Oregon and I felt I could make a difference here"

- Rollin Soles, Argyle Founder



# A FOUNDING INTENT

Argyle Winery was founded in 1987 by Rollin Soles as a Grower First, with the purpose of growing and making world class Sparkling Wine in the perfectly suited, cool climate of Oregon's Willamette Valley.

Argyle's focus on growing grapes for Sparkling Wine framed our perception from the start and informed our orientation toward making World Class Chardonnay, Riesling and Pinot Noir.

Most importantly, making Sparkling Wine impressed upon us the need to develop the patience and flexibility to think long term.

From the outset, the touchstone for Argyle has been constantly challenging ourselves on doing what's best for the long term and to make wines that will have long lives, improving with age.

# ARGYLE'S ONEHOUSE: IT'S A PEOPLE PROCESS

Argyle prides itself on its 'deep bench'. With over 100 years of combined experience at Argyle, our take on endurance extends to the long term commitment of our key personalities.













# THE ARGYLE FINGERPRINT

### Knudsen Vineyards Dundee Hills AVA • 123 Acres Originally Planted in 1971

Located in the heart of the Dundee Hills, Knudsen Vineyard has been Argyle's foundational fruit source since 1987. Pioneering owner Cal Knudsen planted almost half the acreage in the early 70's, giving the Dundee Hills considerable mass.

A leader in quality innovation for the entire region, Cal was at the forefront of significant vineyard improvements in irrigation, higher vine densities, clonal selection and conversion from own-rooted to root-stocked vines.

Knudsen is the home the America's first commercial planting of Dijon Clone Chardonnay.



This is Argyle's home for Spirithouse Pinot Noir and our single-vineyard designated Argyle Blanc de Blancs.

# THE ARGYLE FOOTPRINT

• LIVE (Low Input Viticulture & Enology) supports environmentally and socially responsible winegrowing through third-party certification and education.

• The organization was founded in 1995, and Argyle has played an important part in the develop ment of the organization.

All 3 Argyle vineyards—
Knudsen, Lone Star and Spirit
Hill—are LIVE certified, as are the
Argyle Winery & Tasting House.









Lone Star Vineyard Eola-Amity Hills AVA • 112 Acres • Originally Planted in 1996

Do great views ensure great wines? At Lone Star Vineyard the vines are treated to a sweeping view of the Cascades, from Mt. Rainier in the north to the Three Sisters to the south. While the view is stunning, this low elevation, warm site is a magnet for the two forces crucial for ripening grapes: light and heat.

Located 15 miles south of Dundee in the Eola-Amity Hills, Lone Star is our warmest, sunniest vineyard site in a region not known for either.

Since 1999, Lone Star has served as the backbone for our biggest, boldest Pinot Noir, Nuthouse Pinot Noir.

In Spring 2005, we released our first vintage of Lone Star grown Riesling (the New World's first high density Riesling from devigorated root stocks), which became the foundation for Nuthouse Riesling.

#### Spirit Hill Vineyard Eola-Amity Hills AVA • 138 Acres • Originally Planted in 2008

Our high-elevation Spirit Hill Vineyard supports Argyle's continuing goal to farm 100% of our own wine grapes with the specific intent of continuing our dedication to making world class Sparkling Wine in the Willamette Valley.

Located south and up slope from Lone Star Vineyard, a great future of distinctive wines awaits Argyle from this impressive site.

Spirit Hill Vineyard draws on Argyle's experience in higher elevation fine wine grape growing.



A pioneer cemetery came with the purchase, adding to its potential other world quality.



# THE TRUE COOL OF OREGON'S WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Situated between the protective rain shadow of Oregon's Coast Range to the West and the majestic Cascade Mountain Range to the East, the Willamette Valley lays claim to the United States' True-Cool Climate that provides a late growing season, perfectly suited for world class Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Riesling.

Argyle farms high elevation vineyards in the Dundee Hills AVA and Eola Amity Hills AVA, famous for rich volcanic soils that have produced Oregon's most age-worthy wines.





# BRUT MAKES YOU BETTER

Growing Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier for world class Sparkling Wine gives Argyle the edge with consistent high quality across our entire portfolio in this challenging region year after year.

All Argyle Sparkling Wines are derived from late-season ripened Dijon Clones and Argyle is the first winery in the United States to do so.

All Argyle Sparkling Wines are vintage dated, bottle fermented and aged on the yeast for a minimum of 3 years.

# THE ARGYLE STATEMENT

From the outset, we at Argyle Winery have been constantly challenging ourselves to make wines that will have long lives, improving with age.

Argyle's Tirage Library in Dundee has Sparkling Wines still aging on the yeast, dating back to our first vintage in 1987 as a testament to the long ageability of Sparkling Wines grown in the Willamette Valley.

Our legacy is best represented by Argyle Extended Tirage Brut which is aged on the yeast for 10 years and *Disgorged on Demand* to maintain freshness and complexity of the wine.

In the wine industry's two most influential publications, the Wine Spectator and the Wine Advocate, Argyle has produced the world's highest rated Sparkling Wines outside of Champagne.



"I think Argyle can go head to head with classic Champagne"

- Ray Isle | Food & Wine Magazine

#### THE TWO HOUSES



Nuthouse takes its name from the origins of our Winery building as a former hazelnut drying facility. This selfeffacing take on our own history captures Argyle's sense of humor while commanding serious respect among critics, collectors and the trade.

Nuthouse is built on Argyle's foundation as a *Grower First* with the ambition and conviction to make benchmark wines in Oregon.

From the outset, Nuthouse wines were intended to be provocative singular expressions of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Riesling born of a dutiful kinship with the greatest wines from the Old World.



What's provocative in our Nuthouse wines takes a turn for the reflective in our Spirithouse wines. They are 'wines of few words': elegant and self-assured yet understated.

Spirithouse wines are truly rare and limited in release, crafted only in vintages we realize Argyle at its rarifed best.

Spirithouse wines are most often derived from the latest harvested fruit and represent the crowning achievements of each vintage in which they are produced.

Contemplative and haunting, Spirithouse wines are the nexus between Argyle's most cutting edge viticulture and most exacting winemaking and are Argyle's purest expression of power and grace.



## AN ARTISAN IN OREGON

Argyle joins the continuum of fine wine craftspeople, dedicated to making statements that endure.

Artisan Series wines are stand alone examples that benchmark against their respective categories around the globe.

Wines in this series capture Argyle's long-term consistency at the vanguard of viticulture and winemaking with a special focus to demonstrate the potential of the Willamette Valley.

Whether it's the complicated craft of arriving at a singular style for Pinot Noir through a complex selection and blending process or honing in on a world class exploration of benchmark Champagne varieties, Artisan Series wines have a commanding presence.

The result is a tribute to tradition that tightens the bond with those who have come before as well as the craftsmen and women in our community today.

# VISIT US

Argyle Winery has been making fine wine in Oregon for over 30 years. We pride ourselves on having truly unique stories of the Willamette Valley which we'd love to share with you.

We invite you to visit us at our Tasting House in downtown Dundee, which is open daily. For more information and reservations, go to argylewinery.com/visit



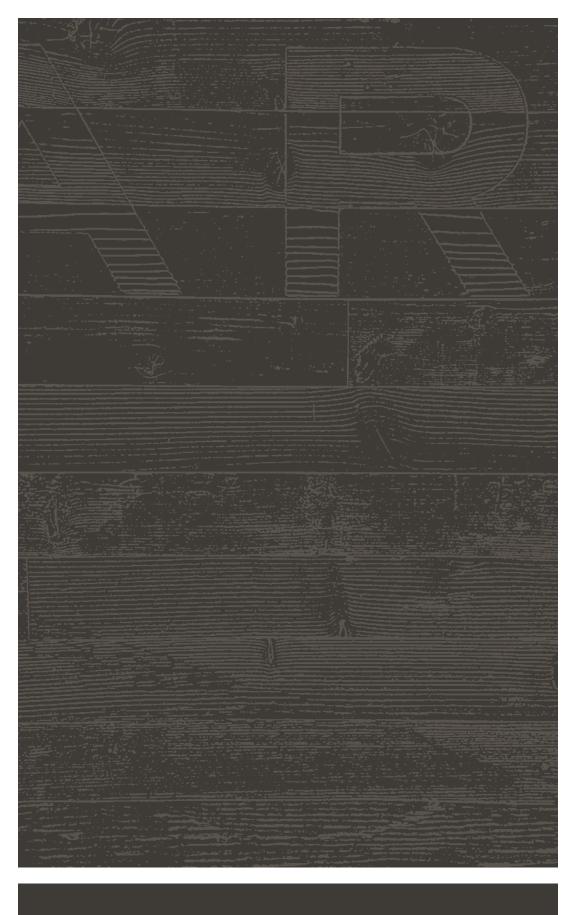
# FOR THE TRADE

For sales inquiries or to arrange a visit, please contact Director of Sales & Marketing Rob Alstrin at 503-538-8520 or rob@argylewinery.com

Detailed information (including bottle shots, tasting notes, labels, etc.) on our wines can be found at argylewinery.com/wineinfo.

Thanks for your steadfast support over the years!

## FIELD NOTES





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