

# ARGYLE

## Reserve Pinot Noir | 2018 Willamette Valley AVA

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5922 CASES

### TASTING NOTES

Predominately based in the volcanic red soils of the Dundee Hills and Eola-Amity Hills, our Reserve Pinot Noir showcases spicy elegance and silky texture. The 2018 vintage introduces our first Reserve with a touch of marine sedimentary soils from the Giving Tree Vineyard, located in the foothills of the Coast Range, providing just a touch of muscle. Raspberry, dark plum, and cardamom and an underlying minerality weave with delicate, polished tannin and dynamic energy. Cold soaking and fermenting entirely in small, 1.5-ton fermenters enhances silkiness, while 20% whole cluster inclusion contributes freshness, layered complexity, and vibrant length.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 growing season began with a relatively mild and dry winter and moderately cool spring, leading to bud break during the second and third weeks of April. Temperatures picked up in May and continued into a beautiful mid-June bloom. The rest of the summer continued to be warm and very dry, with no precipitation for nearly 3 months. Early September remained warm and dry through the beginning of the sparkling harvest, but then cooled down with a few days of precipitation in the middle of the month. This allowed for still wine ripening (and the cellar crew!) to slow down and catch their breath before finishing out with beautiful late September and early October weather. In all, the 2018 harvest was very condensed, having started with Chardonnay at the lower elevations of Lone Star Vineyard in the Eola-Amity Hills on September 4th and finishing with Pinot Noir in the upper elevations of the Eola-Amity Hills at Spirit Hill Vineyard on October 2nd.

**ABV** 14.0%

**WINE MAKER** Nate Klostermann

**HARVESTED** Sept. 18 - Oct. 2, 2018

**FERMENTATION** 20% Whole Cluster

**pH** 3.68

**TA** 5.0 g/L

**BRIX AT HARVEST** 23.8

**BARREL AGING** 16 Months French Oak, 30% New



**VINEYARD1** Knudsen Vineyard

**LOCATION** Dundee Hills AVA

**ELEVATION** 530-1000 ft.

**VINEYARD2** Lone Star Vineyard

**LOCATION** Eola-Amity Hills AVA

**ELEVATION** 200-400 ft.

**VINEYARD3** Spirit Hill Vineyard

**LOCATION** Eola-Amity Hills AVA

**ELEVATION** 700-850 ft.

**VINEYARD4** Giving Tree Vineyard

**LOCATION** Willamette Valley AVA

**ELEVATION** 320-580 ft.