

ARGYLE

Cowhouse Pinot Noir | 2019 Dundee Hills AVA



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400 CASES

TASTING NOTES

Named after Argyle's founding viticulturist, Allen Holstein, Cowhouse Pinot Noir comes from his salient vineyard in the higher elevations of the Dundee Hills. As Allen would have it no other way, Cowhouse Pinot Noir exhibits classical Dundee Hills refinement and silky texture. Dark cherry, orange blossom, and savory cinnamon are woven with the savory depth and elegant length. After fermentation and gentle pressing, the wine was allowed to age elegantly on its lees for 16 months in French oak, of which 40% were new.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 growing season began with a cold and wet winter followed by wet and warm spring, leading to a late April bud break. A few frost scares in April gave way to a warmer than average spring. The early June bloom was dry and sunny, with a touch of rain affecting the later ripening Spirit Hill Vineyard in the cool, windy Eola-Amity Hills. Some late June and early July precipitation created a small amount of disease pressure, while the rest of the summer was quite moderate, with fewer heat spikes than we've seen the last number of summers. September brought with it a significant cool down and a series of scattered rain showers, making harvest much more old-school Oregon, dancing with the whims of Mother Nature. A more classically spread out harvest, we started with Pinot Noir in the Dundee Hills on September 4th and finished with Pinot Noir in the upper elevations of the Eola-Amity Hills at Spirit Hill Vineyard on October 16th.

ABV 13.8%

WINE MAKER Nate Klostermann

HARVESTED Sept. 27, 2019

FERMENTATION 40% Whole Cluster

BRIX AT HARVEST 23.2

BARREL AGING 16 Months French Oak, 40% New

VINEYARD1 Holstein Vineyard

LOCATION Dundee Hills AVA

ELEVATION 700 ft.