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## Reserve Pinot Noir | 2019 Willamette Valley AVA

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### TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Reserve Pinot Noir showcases the elegance and silky texture found across our four sites throughout the Willamette Valley. Red cherry, rose petal, and savory tea layers abound, with an underlying minerality weaving together with firm, yet polished tannins and dynamic energy. Cold soaking and fermenting entirely in small, 1.5-ton fermenters enhanced the wine's silkiness, while 20% whole cluster inclusion contributed freshness, layered complexity, and vibrant length.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 growing season began with a cold and wet winter followed by wet and warm spring, leading to a late-April budbreak. 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 14 - Oct. 1 2019

**COMPOSITION** 100% Pinot Noir

**pH** 3.61

**TA** 5.2 g/L

**BRIX AT HARVEST** 22.9

**BARREL AGING** 16 months

**OAK** French Oak 25%new

1880 CASES

**VINEYARD 1** Knudsen Vineyard

**LOCATION** Dundee Hills

**ELEVATION** 530-1000 ft.

**VINEYARD 2** Lone Star Vineyard

**LOCATION** Eola-Amity Hills

**ELEVATION** 200-400 ft.

**VINEYARD 3** Spirit Hill Vineyard

**LOCATION** Eola-Amity Hills

**ELEVATION** 700-850 ft.

**VINEYARD 4** Giving Tree Vineyard

**LOCATION** Willamette Valley

**ELEVATION** 350-550 ft.

