



2019 RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Willamette Valley, Oregon



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD
MONTINORE ESTATE

SOIL
**LAURELWOOD
CORNELIUS
KINTON
HELVETIA**

VARIETY
100% PINOT NOIR

HARVEST DATE
OCTOBER 1 - 4, 2019

FERMENTATION
**100% FRENCH
38% NEW
10 MONTHS**

TA (g/L)
6.2

pH
3.44

ALCOHOL
13.2%

WINEMAKER
STEPHEN WEBBER

BOTTLING DATE
MARCH 1, 2021

THE VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage began with a mild, cooler spring and a warm summer with few extremes, and not much disease or pest pressure. Everything was going to plan until Mother Nature flipped the script in September from ideal ripening to cold and rain. Hard picking decisions had to be condensed between weather breaks, resulting in lower sugar levels and higher natural acidity. This brought out nuances and subtle complexities while maintaining freshness. A challenging, but classic Oregon vintage.

THE WINEMAKING

Our Reserve is an expression of the highest-quality Pinot Noir from the estate vineyard each vintage. Grapes from our most expressive growing sites are fermented and aged separately and assembled after maturation. Lots from each block underwent fermentation separately using both commercial and indigenous yeast for full expression of clonal and terroir characteristics. Through rigorous tasting trials, the final blend is assembled from the best barrels after maturation, assembled in tank and returned to neutral puncheons for additional ageing before being bottled in the winter. The 2019 Reserve Pinot Noir is a great representation of the best of the vineyard and a reflection of a delightful vintage.

THE WINE

The Reserve Pinot is a thoughtfully curated barrel selection from the best blocks the estate offers. The 2019 vintage opens with cedar and spice on the nose. As the wine opens up, aromas of dark chocolate and tobacco leaf waft from the glass. A savory, herbaceous quality on the entry introduces flavors of raspberry, Cola and baking spice. Well-structured tannins linger for a moderate length on the palate, suggesting great ageability.



Made with Demeter-Certified Biodynamic Grapes
Certified Organic by CCOF



Wine Spectator

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