WALNUT CITY 2018 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

LIVE CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE WINE

VINEYARD

La Cantera Vineyard, Chehalem Mountains AVA
28 acres | Established 1986 | 600 - 684' | S/SW | Laurelwood soil

Yamhill Springs Vineyard, Yamhill-Carlton AVA
20 acres | Established 1988 | 419 - 576' | W | Peavine & Jory soils

VINIFICATION

Each vintage, our estate-grown Pinot Noir delivers quality, sustainability and genuine value. We believe in crafting a distinctive wine that promotes the Willamette Valley's unique origins and embraces a classic expression of Pinot Noir.

Hand-harvested. Grapes were mostly destemmed (15% wholecluster) followed by a 3-5 day soak before fermentation. Fermenters received a combination of pump overs and punch downs over 12-18 days. Gently pressed and settled before aging in French oak barrels for 8 to 10 months prior to blending and bottling. 2,500 cases produced. 13.8% abv.

VINTAGE

Even after a string of great vintages, 2018 is poised to be a standout. Spring and summer were exceptionally warm and dry – with perhaps fewer of the dramatic heat spikes seen in recent years. The harvest season ushered in a long, dry, beautiful fall. Cool nights and mild daytime temperatures extended ripening while maintaining balance, brightness and natural acidity.

TASTING NOTE

The 2018 vintage delivered a high level of energy and complexity across all our tiers of Pinot Noir. The robust fruit, tannin and acid come together with a degree of depth uncommon at this price point. Wild strawberry flavors are accented with with layers of deep rose, coffee and allspice.

ABOUT

Since 1999, we've been crafting wines that promote distinctiveness, quality and sustainability, while delivering genuine value. Estate farming is the key to achieving these goals – from over 30 years of developing our vineyard portfolio, it's at the core of what we do. Our hand in the winery never speaks louder than the grapes or their place of origin. We strive for natural balance in our wines and allow the strong influence of vintage in the Willamette Valley to shine through. From harvest to bottle, our cellar program was built around handling wine in small, unique lots.

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