

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 23.2

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.