

WALNUT CITY 2019 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir



VINEYARD

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

Sylvia's Vineyard, Eola-Amity Hills AVA
8 acres | Established 2005 | 272-380' | N | Nekia 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

The 2019 vintage proved to be a classic Oregon vintage. The nearly perfect weather that carried through veraison became sporadically wet as we moved closer to harvest. Thankfully the critical ripening days were punctuated by enough dry, sunny days to allow ripeness to accumulate. The skill and hard work of our vineyard crews to manage the September rains will show in the finished wines. While tonnage was down over recent years, the fruit came into the winery with balanced chemistry and noteworthy complexity. The finished wines are expected to typify the Willamette Valley with lovely aromatics, ideal alcohol percentages and elegant, age-able structures.

TASTING NOTE

The 2019 vintage delivered Pinot Noir with depth and generosity. The elevated red cherry, wild strawberry and bramble notes of La Cantera are deepened by the brooding dark-fruit characteristics of the Eola-Amity Hills. The generous fruit is accented with floral layers, mocha and allspice. Youthful tannin and bright acidity carry through a lengthy finish.

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.

