



# 2020 CARTER VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

**YEAR PLANTED & ACERAGE:** 1983, 24.36 acres

**SPACING:** 9 X 6 ft. , 807 vines/acre

**ELEVATION & ASPECT:** 325 ft. , West

**CLONES & ROOTSTOCK:** Pommard both own-rooted and 3309, Wadenswil both own-rooted and 3309, 115 on 3309, 667 on 3309 & 101-14, 777 on 3309 & 101-14, 177 on Riparia Gloire.

**MOTHER ROCK:** Volcanic

**SOIL SERIES:** Mostly Nekia

**AVA:** Eola-Amity Hills



**TASTING NOTES:** Blue and black fruit focused. Aromas of black cherry, leather, turned earth and vanilla on the nose play nicely with bold flavors of blackberry and dark plum. Structured and masculine on the palate.

**VINTAGE:** The 2020 growing season began in early/mid-April with beautiful weather that had us progressing well into the first stages of flowering the second week of June. However, over a string of 10 days, the temperature dropped significantly, and it rained steadily. This weather had a profound effect on the fertility of our flowers, resulting in one the lightest crops in the modern industry's history. A silver lining to this low crop was that the clusters were very open and loose, which allowed for good air movement and disease prevention. The fruit was incredibly healthy. The berries were also very small in size which meant a higher percentage of skin to juice ratio. Higher levels of skin to juice will result in greater concentration of color, aroma and flavor. Like 1998, our 2020 wine is dense and rich but in short supply.

Warm temperatures and high winds caused several local fires in the Willamette Valley that affected nearby vineyards in late summer. Of the 13 sites that we source, only one had detectable issues and it was minimal and isolated to one area of the vineyard. We were fortunate that our vineyards were located in areas that were far from the live fires.

**FARMING:** Organic certified, nutrition-based farming

**AGING REGIME:** 10-11 months in 20% new French oak barrels

**ALCOHOL:** 12.5%

**pH:** 3.46

**TA:** 5.8 g/L

**PRODUCTION:** 247 cases



Artwork shows typical profile of this basalt filled site.