

2020Freedom Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir

YEAR PLANTED & ACERAGE: Original 1982, replant 2000-2004, KWC Blocks are 9.05 acres

SPACING: 8 X 5 ft., 1,089 vines/acre

ELEVATION & ASPECT: 450 ft., East

CLONES & ROOTSTOCK: 667 on 101-14, Wadenswil on 44-53, Pommard on 44-53, 777 on 44-53 and 101-14, 115 on 3309, Coury on 101-14, 5 on 3309

MOTHER ROCK: Ancient Marine Sediments

SOIL SERIES: Bellpine

AVA: Willamette Valley

TASTING NOTES: Savory, floral and spice focused. Black cherry, orange blossom, grapefruit, and anise are intertwined with tastes of savory red fruits. Concentrated and powerful finish.

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 precentage 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: Sustainably farmed

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

ALCOHOL: 12.0% pH: 3.37 TA: 6.5 g/L

PRODUCTION: 423 cases





Artwork showing the practice of racking with inert gas.