



2020 WILLAMETTE VALLEY AVA PINOT NOIR



Shaped by millions of years of plate subduction and volcanic activity, Oregon's Willamette Valley is one of the premier Pinot noir producing areas in the world. The Willamette Valley AVA was established in 1983, with the initial vineyard plantings beginning in 1966. This 100-mile long, 60-mile wide valley stretches between the Columbia River in the north, to just south of Eugene with the Oregon Coast Range in the west and the Cascade Mountains in the East. Due to the protection of the mountains on eastern and western boundaries, the Willamette Valley is a cooler climate region that provides for a long, gentle growing season, perfect for deliciously complex Pinot noir.

MOTHER ROCK: Marine Sediments & Volcanic Rock

SOIL SERIES: Willakenzie, Melbourne & Wellsdale, Nekia & Jory

VINEYARDS: Abbott Claim, Bonnie Jean, Hirschy, McCrone, Savoya, Shea, Tanager, Bryce, Latchkey, Canary Hill, Carter, Freedom Hill & Guadalupe

TASTING NOTES: Floral notes of magnolia, rose, and candied red fruits play with gentle touches of cinnamon and clove on the nose. Flavors of generous red cherry, raspberry, and plum swirl with subtle notes of vanilla cream. This wine graces the entire palate with smoothly textured tannins and leaves it with a lucisouly clean finish.

VINTAGE: The 2020 growing season provided one of the smallest crops in Oregon's history. As expected the wines are incredibly rich and expressive but will be in short supply.

FARMING: Sustainable, nutrition-based farming, organic certification in process.

AGING REGIME: 10-11 months in 100% neutral French oak barrels

ALCOHOL: 13.5% **pH:** 3.53 **TA:** 6.3 g/L

PRODUCTION: 30,000 cases

