

2019 BERGSTRÖM VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

DUNDEE HILLS AVA

Our original estate and our family's North Star is located in the iron-rich volcanic soils of the Dundee Hills. The Bergström Vineyard is 13 acres of south and southeast-facing vines bathing in the cool northerly sunlight and overlooking the expansive and rich Willamette Valley stretching south for one hundred miles. Optimum elevation and exposure provide ideal ripening potential for our most powerful, yet elegant expression of Pinot Noir, annually adorned with flowers, fruit, savory herbs and spices, and ferrous minerals.

Farming

- Biodynamic since inception
- Soils: Volcanic "Jory" clays on top of basalt rock
- Exposures: South and southeast at 380 feet
- Vines: 18-20 years old
- Clonal Selections: 50% old Pommard and Wadenswil; 50% Dijon 777, 667, 114 & 115

Winemaking

- 85% whole-cluster fermentation. 9-13 days in stainless tanks. Small lot fermented in stainless rounds (2-4 tons). Pumpovers and punchdowns during primary ferment.
- 228L French oak Barriques (15% new)
- 100% malolactic and alcoholic fermentation (no residual sugars or malic acids)
- 11-month élevage in barrel
- Unfined & unfiltered

Tasting Note

A true ruby color leads to a very complex aromatic perfume with layers of nuance: wet ferrous rocks, campfire, grilled meats, red and black cherries, currant, sweet baking spices, and oak sweetness with savory garden herbs. Typical of the Bergström Vineyard, the aromas are open, and the palate is tight and needs 3+ years in the cellar to begin to open up, but very powerful and showing lots of promise for a very long future. In the mouth, this promising wine is very mineral and youthfully closed at first but opens within a few minutes to showcase a definite sense of place with a sweet core of fruit and copious ripe tannin that frame this strong minerality. This is gorgeous as a young wine, and I cannot wait to see it unfurl over the next several years.

Technical Details

- Alcohol: 12.9%
- Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir
- Harvest Dates: September 8-20, 2019



