

TASTING NOTES from THE WINDERLEA TEAM

The only wine made on the Winderlea estate in our little “winerette” by owner and winegrower Bill Sweat showcases the beauty of 100% whole cluster wines. The 2019 Imprint Pinot noir is well-balanced and remains solidly in a citric, earthy-herbal style with notes of tart strawberry and cherries that combine for an approachable and really pleasing wine.



VINEYARD

Winderlea Vineyard is in the heart of the Dundee Hills on Worden Hill Road. This vineyard has been farmed Biodynamic® since 2009 and earned Demeter Biodynamic® Certification in 2015. Winderlea chooses to dry farm and this site is a “no till” vineyard to promote soil health and biodiversity. This 20 acre, South facing slope spans an elevation from 320’ to 580’ and consists of volcanic Jory soil. 16.4 acres are planted to 8 different Pinot noir clones in 13 blocks. The oldest plantings are from 1974.

2019 HARVEST

2019 was a cooler, slightly damp vintage resembling the good old days. Rain hasn’t been typical recently, yet rain was the cause of 2019’s flattened heat accumulation from late September on, yielding a harvest that accumulated only 15 degree-days of heat while dropping almost an inch of rain. Concentration, depth of flavor, color and structure are present with restraint in Pinot noir, if protected from botrytis and held to gain complexity with hang-time. White wines loved the bright, tense, sea and mineral ripeness of the year. We’re pleased to see an old friendly vintage again - to confirm medium-term memory passes the test! - www.willamettevalleywines.com | Oregon Pinot Camp



VINEYARD: Winderlea Vineyard **AVA:** Dundee Hills

SELECTIONS: Coury, Pommard

HARVEST DATES: 9/25/19

AGING: 16 months neutral French oak, 100% Whole Cluster, Partial Ferment in Amphora

ALCOHOL | pH | TA: 12.5% | 3.58 | 5.1

BOTTLE DATE: 2/2021

CASES PRODUCED: 274