



TASTING NOTES from THE WINDERLEA TEAM

The Meredith Mitchell Vineyard Pinot blanc is our unique take on this Alsatian classic. The aromatics show depth and layered complexity. A hint of barrel leads immediately to notes of grapefruit and papaya, with an underlying briny character. The palate has weight without being heavy, gliding from flavors of kiwi fruit to persimmon and nougat. The flavor lingers, the finish is long, and the wine is undeniably striking.

VINEYARD

Meredith Mitchell Vineyard is located in the McMinnville AVA. Formerly owned by Susan Meredith and her husband Frank Mitchell, this vineyard was planted in 1988 and expanded to 25 acres over the years. The vineyard is planted between 450-700 feet in elevation and is completely exposed to the Van Duzer corridor which allows the coast winds into the vineyard in the afternoon. Rated one of the top 5 vineyards in Oregon, the combination of own-rooted, high trellis mature Pommard vines and shallow, rocky, and broken uplifted basalt consistently produces intense Pinot noir with complex layers of aroma, flavor and structure. In addition to Pinot noir, there are 2 acres of Chardonnay and 2 acres of Pinot blanc. Certified Demeter Biodynamic® since 2018.

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: Meredith Mitchell

AVA: McMinnville

SELECTIONS: Pommard

HARVEST DATES: 10/1/19

AGING: 15 months neutral French oak

ALCOHOL | pH | TA: 12.5% | 3.24 | 6.8

BOTTLE DATE: 2/21/21 **CASES PRODUCED:** 134