

2019 WINDERLEA VINEYARD PINOT NOIR







TASTING NOTES from THE WINDERLEA TEAM

Aromas of black cherry, marionberry and Italian plum build and waft from the glass. Layers of bergamot tea, strawberry leather and freshly-turned soil line the palate with notes of cigar box and cedar. The texture is long and linear with fine tannins and a pleasing, full finish.

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: Dijon 677, Dijon 777, Dijon 114, Pommard HARVEST DATES: 9/19 - 9/25/19 AGING: 15 months neutral French oak ALCOHOL |pH | TA: 12.5% | 3.51 | 5.4 BOTTLE DATE: 2/21/20 CASES PRODUCED: 245

