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2018 Technical and Tasting Notes

2018 Winderlea Chardonnay

A lovely blend from Carabella, Hyland, Meredith Mitchell and Winderlea Vineyards, this wine ravishes with a rich and succulent mouthfeel. It's loaded with peach and apricot flavors that are highlighted by bright apple and toast accents.

AVA: Willamette Valley

Vineyard: 35% Carabella | 33% Hyland | 23% Meredith Mitchell | 9% Winderlea (Lone Fir)

Selections: Dijon 76, 108

Harvest Date: 9.10.18 | 9.18.18 | 10.03.18

Alcohol: 13.5%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 8% new, 6% in stainless steel

Bottled: 08.02.19

Production: 825 cases

Certifications: BCorp

Press: 94 Editors Choice Wine Enthusiast

2018 Winderlea Legacy Chardonnay

Elegant and complex, opening with a bouquet of white lilies, chalky stones, golden yellow apples, anjou pears and a hint of cardamom. Racy and vibrant on the palate with a restrained richness, ending in a minerally, chiseled finish.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea Vineyard

Selections: Draper, own rooted

Harvest Date: 9.24.18

Alcohol: 14%

Élevage: 10 months in neutral French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.2.19

Production: 24 cases

Certifications: Demeter Biodynamic®, BCorp

2018 Winderlea Vintage Sparkling Brut

Layers of frangipane, freshly baked-brioche, crushed sea shells and lemon curd open generously on the nose. White peach follows before flowing into yuzu blossom, fresh fennel, sourdough toast and a whisper of lemon thyme. Energetic and lifted, the racy tension is followed by a fine, lingering mousse.

AVA: Willamette Valley

Vineyard: Carabella | Chardonnay, Crawford Beck | Pinot noir

Selections: 52% Chardonnay | Dijon 76, 48% Pinot noir | Pommard

Harvest Date: Chardonnay | 9.1.18, Pinot noir | 9.13.18

Alcohol: 12.5%

Élevage: 7 months in neutral French oak barrels, 2 years in tirage, dosage 5g/L

Bottled: 6.1.21

Production: 204 cases

Certifications: BCorp





2018 Winderlea Meredith Mitchell Pinot blanc

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. On a second swirl, the smell of fresh almond flowers comes through along with tropical fruit on its heels. 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.

AVA: McMinnville

Vineyard: Meredith Mitchell Vineyard

Selections: Pinot Blanc

Harvest Date: 10.4.18

Alcohol: 12.2%

Élevage: 9 months in 28% clay amphora, 56% neutral French oak, 16% stainless steel

Bottled: 8.2.19

Production: 250 cases

Certifications: Made with Biodynamic Grapes®, BCorp

2018 Winderlea Dundee Hills Vineyards Pinot noir

This wine is an homage to and celebration of our corner of the Dundee Hills AVA - a hat tip to the neighbors and friends who have made Winderlea possible, sold us fruit, and continue to support us and root for us. The color is a dense and penetrating blackberry, and the aromatics practically burst from the glass. There's a beautiful tension between rustic dry grass and forest floor with warm notes of clove and allspice. The palate teems with spices and fruit: marionberry, preserved Amarena cherry, and hints of fruit leather are reined in by wet stone, bay leaf and a hint of lime zest. The wine is structured but approachable and there is ample potential in the cellar.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: 70% Weber | 25% Murto | 5% Winderlea Vineyards

Selections: 95% Pommard, 5% Swan/Mt Etna

Harvest Date: 9.14.18 | 9.30.18 | 10.1.18

Alcohol: 14.1%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.26.19

Production: 505 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe, BCorp

Press: 92 Editors Choice Wine Enthusiast, 91 Vinous

2018 Winderlea Vineyard Pinot noir

Multi-dimensional aromatics of cherry, strawberry, blackberry and spice abound in the glass. Red cherry, pomegranate, dried tarragon and cherry cola notes layer the palate with a combination of weight and finesse. Silky tannins present with lingering spice on the finish. Winderlea Pinot noir is a wine that combines weight and complexity with finesse.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea Vineyard

Selections: 114, 115, 667, 777, Pommard

Harvest Date: 09.14.18, 09.24.18

Alcohol: 13.3%

Élevage: 12 months in French oak barrels

Bottled: 12.09.19

Production: 477 cases

Certifications: Demeter Biodynamic®, BCorp

Press: 93 Pts Wine Enthusiast Cellar Selection, 93 Vinous

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2018 Winderlea Legacy Pinot noir

Rose petals, candy cap mushrooms, cherry liqueur, and wild strawberries linger on the nose and follow through to the palate along with forest floor, freshly foraged chanterelles, and dried pine needles. Poignant acidity and finely-grained tannins carry these enticing flavors along a finish that drifts with length.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea Vineyard

Selections: Pommard, Coury, Dijon 115 (all own rooted)

Harvest Date: 9.24.18

Alcohol: 13.4%

Élevage: 10 months in neutral French oak barrels, 3% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.26.19

Production: 243 cases

Certifications: Made with Biodynamic Grapes®

Press: 94 Wine Enthusiast, 94 Vinous

2018 Winderlea Imprint Pinot noir

The only wine made on the Winderlea estate in our little “winerette” by owner and winegrower Bill Sweet showcases the beauty of 100% whole cluster wines. Compelling notes of rose petals, black tea, cedar and cherry jolly ranchers jump from the glass. Black currants, spicy mulled cherries and vanilla mingle with wet bark, creating an intoxicating melange of aromas. Finely-grained tannins are uplifted by a poignant tension on the palate, adding to the profile of this exquisite wine.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea Vineyard

Selections: Coury and Pommard

Harvest Date: 09.28.18

Alcohol: 13%

Élevage: 100% whole cluster, 15 months in neutral French oak barrels

Bottled: 3.17.20

Production: 238 cases

Certifications: Demeter Biodynamic®, BCorp

Press: 92 Vinous, 89 Wine Enthusiast

2018 Winderlea Crawford Beck Vineyard Pinot noir

Cracked black pepper punctuates flavors of dark chocolate, blueberry pie filling, and pipe tobacco. Allspice, vanilla, bergamot, chocolate and cinnamon add depth and character to this extremely well-balanced wine.

AVA: Eola-Amity Hills

Vineyard: Crawford Beck Vineyard

Selections: Dijon 115, Clone 60, Pommard

Harvest Date: 9.28.18, 9.29.18

Alcohol: 14%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.26.19

Production: 245 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe, BCorp

Press: 94 Editors Choice Wine Enthusiast, 92 Vinous

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2018 Winderlea Maresh Vineyard Pinot noir

The 2018 Maresh is a brilliant garnet in color. The perfumed nose of cherry, rose, strawberries and hints of kirsch and violet are intoxicating. The palate is more voluptuous than Maresh vintages of the past, showing ripe cherries, raspberries, black plums, pomegranate and notes of cardamom and persimmon. This will be Winderlea's final vintage of the Maresh Vineyard Pinot noir.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Maresh Vineyard

Selections: Dijon 667, own rooted

Harvest Date: 9.24.18

Alcohol: 13%

Élevage: 12 months in French oak barrels

Bottled: 12.9.19

Case Production: 128 cases

Certifications: BCorp

Press: 90 Wine Enthusiast

2018 Winderlea Meredith Mitchell Pinot noir

Red cherries, raspberries, brambly blackberries, and cranberries immediately jump from the glass followed by notes of clove, mesquite, and wet cedar. On the palate the wine shows cherry liqueur, marionberries, Italian plums, earthy wet loam and a hint of leather. With nice weight and texture, this wine is both approachable while suggesting its history for aging potential.

AVA: McMinnville

Vineyard: Meredith Mitchell Vineyard

Selections: Own-rooted Pommard

Harvest Date: 10.03.18 and 10.09.18

Alcohol: 13.6%

Élevage: 12 months in French oak barrels

Bottled: 12.09.19

Production: 299 cases

Certifications: Made with Biodynamic Grapes®, BCorp

Press: 93 Vinous, 92 Wine Enthusiast

2018 Winderlea Murto Vineyard Pinot noir

With a deep garnet color, the aromatics of the 2018 Murto Pinot noir show dark black cherries, ripe blueberries, hemlock, forest floor and white pepper. The palate is layered with the same blueberries and cherries, plus notes of caraway, leather and roast coffee beans. The finish lingers with length and complexity.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Murto Vineyard

Selections: Pommard and Wädenswil

Harvest Date: 9.30.18

Alcohol: 14%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 3% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.26.19

Case Production: 245 cases

Certifications: BCorp

Press: 93 Vinous, 91 Wine Enthusiast

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2018 Winderlea Murto Vineyard Pinot noir | Whole Cluster

Supple flower notes combine with savory earth tones on the nose. Cherries, Italian plum jam, brambly Marionberries, honeysuckle, and orange skin combine with herbal notes of sage, thyme, and lavender, creating a luscious wine with a lingering finish.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Murto Vineyard

Selections: Pommard and Wädenswil

Harvest Date: 9.30.18

Alcohol: 14%

Élevage: 100% Whole Cluster, 10 months in French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.26.19

Case Production: 91 cases

Certifications: BCorp

Press: 94 Prince of Pinot

2018 Winderlea Shea Vineyard Pinot noir

Refined and rich, this wine opens with chocolate covered cherries, toffee, desert sage, and a hint of black cherry and currant. Coriander and cardamom add depth to the firm tannins and polished finish.

AVA: Yamhill-Carlton

Vineyard: Shea Vineyard Block 21 and 11

Selections: Pommard, Wädenswil, and Dijon 777

Harvest Date: 9.10.18, 9.20.18, 10.2.18

Alcohol: 13.3%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.27.19

Production: 522 cases

Certifications: BCorp

Press: 94 Vinous, 93 Wine Enthusiast

2018 Winderlea Weber Vineyard Pinot noir

A classic example of the elegant 2018 vintage, the Weber has beautiful structure marked by violets, raspberry, dried tea leaves, mulled strawberries and rhubarb. Watermelon rind and cherry liqueur carry through to the long and mouth watering finish.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Weber Vineyard

Selections: Pommard, own rooted

Harvest Date: 9.30.18 and 10.01.18

Alcohol: 14.2%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.27.19

Production: 475 cases

Certifications: BCorp

Press: 93 Vinous, 92 Wine Enthusiast