



2020

Fall Newsletter



"The longer Covid goes on the more that I think Jack from The Shining actually held it together pretty well."

-THE INTERNET



ESTATE VINEYARD

A WORD FROM THE WINEMAKER

This has been a difficult, hard, insane and heart-breaking year. Most of us have never lived through anything like the past 9-10 months or even considered it was possible. We have always been the type of place that got back up in the saddle and we hope that will serve us well as things go forward. We will do our best to keep the winery open in a manner that is safe for our guests and our staff as long as it is safe to do so. We are always here offering exceptional customer service online and over the phone. We hope that you visit and re-visit the winery and wines over the next year and that they both can bring happiness, celebrations and good feelings even in these weird, weird times. We hope you and yours are all well. Thank you for your support and we look forward to earning it again with each and every wine.

It's probably best to get this out of the way sooner than later. The fires that raged throughout the Willamette Valley in September did incalculable damage to property, homes, and lives. It also impacted the quality of the fruit we received in 2020. It is doubtless that there is a wide-ranging impact in our cellar on all grape varieties picked after September 12th. We learned more about the chemistry of smoke and the sugars in wine grapes over the past couple of months than we ever thought we would have to know. With the vast majority of life lessons, this is really hard to accept, deeply painful, and hopefully something we can learn from.

— Jim Anderson

SMOKE TAIN

What's the long and short of it? Hard to say right now. What we do know is that there will likely not be any Patricia Green Cellars single vineyard Pinot Noirs from the 2020 vintage.

A longer synopsis is this: We picked about 19 tons of Pinot Noir between September 9th and 12th that has no indication of smoke taint, and at the very least it would be able to be bottled as a Willamette Valley Reserve Pinot Noir (the fruit came from three separate vineyards). We are hoping that perhaps fruit from a few other vineyards that seemed to experience some combination of fewer total hours of smoke exposure along with less intense smoke may be able to be made into something worth bottling. And then, there are some AVAs that were not spared the wrath of smoke. Those wines, despite every possible effort on our part, turned out to be completely unacceptable.

We received an email during harvest, as the smoke was settling in the valley, from a California winemaker with considerable experience with smoke and grapes. It contained a sentence that seemed unimaginable at the time, but ultimately prophetic in its content. It read, "Hope is your enemy."

Loss is nearly always a painful endeavor and it is particularly poignant as this was shaping up to be a fantastic vintage here in the valley. The flavors were impeccable, the ripening was even and the biochemical makeup of the fruit was perfect. Indeed, the very early picked fruit is delicious. Most of it was very young vine fruit that goes into the Reserve bottling on the regular.

One block was the Corrine (formerly Olenik) Vineyard Wadensvil, which was picked much earlier than normal and is phenomenal. Knowing the possibilities we had with the quality we saw out there and some new sources of fruit, both here on the Estate Vineyard and at other locations, makes the loss of it hard to take.



This is hardly an issue that only touches us, our neighbors, or Oregonians. This was a massively devastating fire season up and down the West Coast. People lost their businesses, their homes, their towns, their personal property and in some awful cases, their lives. While it is easy to feel sorry for ourselves, we know that we have the good fortune to be able to carry on and hope that this was a once in a lifetime event.

Fortunately, we had both a productive and excellent vintage in 2019 which we bottled just before the onset of the 2020 harvest. We set a new record for ourselves (and likely for any winery in the United States) by bottling 30 unique Pinot Noirs from the 2019 vintage. They will certainly be even more precious to us as we attempt to navigate the business waters with a vintage that could be at about 5% of our anticipated production. If you're used to seeing a couple of our wines at your local wine shop or online retailer it might be a rarer thing over the next 12-24 months. We are working on arranging our wine resources as best we can to get through a maelstrom over which we had no control.

Sounds pretty much in keeping with 2020, doesn't it?

OLD SCHOOL: HOW THAT MANIFESTS ITSELF AT PGC

I think we are still a pretty Old School winery. Yes, we have a tasting room now, and extremely marvelous, state of the art winery equipment. We are now using modern vineyard management techniques and have more room for making wine than we ever used to dream about. We also have access to more information about our fruit and its potential as wine than ever before, so in many ways, things are new-found. Old School is how we approach and utilize all these things now at our disposal. I think that visitors have found our approach to tastings both highly informative, eye-opening and excellent

while being casual (especially since they're all outside and will remain so through the winter—bundle up!). The winery is still simple and the approach we take to making wine is still labor-intensive. The cool and awesome equipment takes away some of the heaviest and hardest burdens, while also increasing the quality of the wine by being gentler, quicker, more efficient and easier to use. Through all our evolutions and growth, it is ultimately the wine we produce that I think really keeps this place deeply in touch with its origins, initial philosophies and roots.



ESTATE VINEYARD: PHEASANT BLOCK, POMMARD CLONE

WHAT STANDS OUT: TWO SEPARATE SETS OF THREE DIFFERENT WINES

Set#1

The first set would be our three individual bottlings of 2018 Wadensvil Clone from the Olenik Vineyard, our Estate Vineyard and Freedom Hill Vineyard. Wadensvil and Pommard were the two clones that made up basically all of the original and early plantings of Pinot Noir in Oregon. The famed 1975 Eyrie South Block Pinot Noir that came in 2nd so many years ago at an important tasting of Burgundies and helped kickstart the Oregon experience was 100% Wadensvil Clone. Having this clone, which has been whittled down in overall importance in Oregon with the introduction of Dijon clones, has been so important to us that each bottling we have that is 100% Wadensvil is specifically named as such on the front label. This clone is relevant in Oregon's history in such a way that despite its dwindling relative acreage we want to emphasize its importance and quality and let folks know that they're getting something that is delicious, right for Oregon, as well as being an important part of our past.

Each one of these 2018 vintage wines received 94 points from Josh Reynolds of Vinous.com.

2018 Estate Vineyard Wadensvil: "Aromas of black raspberry and cherry cola take on floral, succulent herb and allspice nuances as the wine opens up. Chewy and focused on the palate, offering concentrated red and dark fruit, rose pastille and mocha flavors that slowly loosen up through the midpalate. Shows excellent clarity and thrust on a long, cherry- and floral-accented finish that's given shape by sneaky, building tannins."

2018 Freedom Hill Wadensvil: "Highly perfumed boysenberry, Chambord, musky earth and floral scents are energized by vibrant mineral and spice flourishes. Sweet and penetrating on the palate, offering concentrated red and blue fruit, spicecake and floral pastille flavors that become livelier on the back half. Dusty, well-judged tannins lend shape to an impressively long, juicy finish that emphatically repeats the floral and spice notes. 100% whole clusters and no new oak."

2018 Olenik Vineyard Wadensvil: "Ripe red berries, incense, baking spices and a hint of mocha on the deeply perfumed nose. Juicy, appealingly sweet black raspberry and cherry cola flavors show very good depth and pick up a succulent herb flourish on the back half. Finishes very long and smooth, displaying subtle tannins, strong persistence and a touch of sweet cherry preserve."

The emphasis across the reviews is on aromatics, red fruit characteristics, spice and a beautiful set of tannins. That is

"Wadensvil" to us. We specifically seek it out, because we know at its apex it can deliver such exhilarating, concentrated yet delicate wines that are an incredibly rare and treasurable side of the Pinot Noir grape. The clone that helped put Oregon on the map still can deliver at incredible heights 50+ years later. To us, though, this clone is part of what has shaped our industry as well as makes wines that we aspire to produce, love and drink.

While not necessarily the other side of the coin, a discussion worth engaging in is that place, the vineyard itself, is the ultimate equalizer. Great vineyards in any wine region are rare, nearly by definition. We have amassed, in our opinion, the broadest representation of historically relevant, generationally owned and incredibly farmed vineyard sites in one cellar. We are proud to make the number of vineyard designated Pinot Noirs we do, because it speaks to the depth and history of amazing farms and farmers in Oregon's wine country.



JUAN CARLOS, OUR VINEYARD
MANAGER, AND CREW PICKING FRUIT



Set #2

The second set of three wines that I believe shows the greatness of the region and the individual vineyards within it are the 2018 Durant Vineyard, Bishop Block Pinot Noir, 2018 Mysterious Vineyard Pinot Noir and 2018 Weber Vineyard Pinot Noir. These, of course, are all vineyards located within the Dundee Hills. All three of these sites were established in the 1970s and both Durant and Weber are still owned by the families that planted the first vines on the property. That continuity matters both in terms of our relationship with the vineyard as well as its relationship with its owners. It shows that the vineyard isn't simply an asset, but a homestead and a place that is loved. All of these sites have been represented on wineries' labels as vineyard designated wines dating back into the 1980s. The vast majority of Oregon vineyards were planted after 1990 so these sites would be unique in any cellar, but to have multiple acres at our disposal at all three is a windfall.

The Mysterious and Weber bottlings each were rated 95 points and the Durant at 94 by Josh Reynolds of Vinous.com.

2018 Durant Vineyard, Bishop Block: "Expressive aromas of fresh red berries, cherry, blood orange and exotic spices, energized by a touch of minerality. Sweet and seamless in the mouth, offering vibrant raspberry and bitter cherry flavors that put on weight and turn sweeter with air. Displays very good breadth and seamless texture, and finishes with impressive clarity, harmonious tannins and a resonating red fruit preserve quality."

2018 Mysterious Vineyard: "Assertive red and blue fruit, baking spice and incense aromas are complemented by suave floral and smoky mineral topnotes. Densely packed yet lithe on the palate, showing outstanding clarity to the sweet black raspberry, boysenberry, cherry and floral pastille flavors, which are supported by a core of juicy acidity. Smoothly plays power off finesse and finishes extremely long and sappy, with sneaky tannins shaping lingering lavender and berry notes."

2018 Weber Vineyard: "Ripe red fruits, incense and Asian spices on the expansive nose, along with building mineral and floral overtones. Juicy and concentrated on the palate, offering alluringly sweet raspberry and cherry preserve, rose pastille and exotic spice flavors that show fine definition and become livelier with air. Powerful but graceful as well, finishing on a youthfully tannic note, with outstanding clarity and length."

The emphasis here is on the ripeness, purity, power and structure of these wines. Those are the characteristics that great sites infuse into their wines. These are inherent aspects of the grapes from these vineyards. The Dundee Hills is Oregon's birthplace of Pinot Noir and easily has the greatest number of

vineyards and the highest density of planting. The wines from there have the capacity to be ethereal, magical and amazing. The fruit from the best vineyards clearly speaks about the land, soil, air, flora, fauna and people that make up the terroir of the Dundee Hills. Not every winery cares about making wines of place. For us it is a no-brainer. This is Oregon. These vineyards not only make great wine but they speak about this incredible place in the world and they can lend an understanding of that place to people thousands of miles away who have never even been to Oregon.

We are not releasing our 2019 Pinot Noirs as of yet. While these 2018s have been offered and available to taste, at times, at the winery we wanted to present them in this context (not to mention along with the glowing reviews they received to show that it's not just us that thinks these are amongst the strongest wines we have ever produced).

WHAT'S HAPPENING

As Governor Brown just released a 2 week freeze through December 2nd and possibly longer, we will do our best to keep the winery open in a manner that is safe for our guests and our staff. When tastings resume we will be conducting them outside under our covered patio with strict guidelines to keep everyone comfortable and safe.

Thanksgiving Week: We will be closed Wednesday, November 25th through Sunday, November 29th.

Depending on state restrictions we will be offering tastings Thursday-Monday by appointment and offering curbside pick-up 7 days a week. (Please check our website for updates on closures).



2018 Order Form

Pinot Noir	Production	Price	Amount	Total
2018 Balcombe Vineyard	468 cases	\$42	x _____ = _____	
2018 Estate Vineyard, Old Vine	898 cases	\$42	x _____ = _____	
2018 Estate Vineyard	705 cases	\$37	x _____ = _____	
2018 Volcanic	489 cases	\$42	x _____ = _____	
2018 Marine Sedimentary	434 cases	\$42	x _____ = _____	
2018 Freedom Hill Vineyard	1160 cases	\$37	x _____ = _____	
2018 Hyland Vineyard, Coury Clone	258 cases	\$75	x _____ = _____	
2018 Freedom Hill Vineyard, Wadensvil Clone	275 cases	\$42	x _____ = _____	
2018 Lia's Vineyard	168 cases	\$37	x _____ = _____	
2018 Balcombe Vineyard, Block 1B	243 cases	\$60	x _____ = _____	
2018 Estate Vineyard, Etzel Block	293 cases	\$60	x _____ = _____	
2018 Estate Vineyard, Wadensvil Block	458 cases	\$55	x _____ = _____	
2018 Durant Vineyard, Bishop Block	336 cases	\$48	x _____ = _____	
2018 Olenik Vineyard, Wadensvil Block	310 cases	\$48	x _____ = _____	
2018 Olenik Vineyard, Anklebreaker Block	156 cases	\$60	x _____ = _____	
2018 Freedom Hill Vineyard, Coury Clone	229 cases	\$75	x _____ = _____	
2018 Weber Vineyard	364 cases	\$48	x _____ = _____	
2018 Mysterious	349 cases	\$100	x _____ = _____	
2019 Reserve	4,025 cases	\$29	x _____ = _____	
White Wine				
2019 Estate Vineyard, Sauvignon Blanc	205 cases	\$29	x _____ = _____	
2018 Durant Vineyard, Chardonnay	290 cases	\$42	x _____ = _____	
Total of All Wines				_____
Shipping				_____
Total				_____

Bill to/Ship to: _____

E-mail address: _____ Telephone #: _____

I will pick up at the winery Card Type: VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX

Card No. _____

Exp. Date: _____ CCV: _____

Customer Signature: _____

Date of Birth: _____ (required)

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Large Format Bottles

	1.5 litre	3.0 litre	5.0 litre
2018 Balcombe Vineyard	\$94 x _____	\$183 x _____	\$295 x _____
2018 Balcombe Vineyard, Block 1B	\$130 x _____	\$255 x _____	\$415 x _____
2018 Durant Vyd, Bishop Block	\$106 x _____	\$207 x _____	\$335 x _____
2018 Durant Vyd, Madrone Block	\$94 x _____	\$183 x _____	\$295 x _____
2018 Weber Vineyard	\$106 x _____	\$207 x _____	\$335 x _____
2018 Olenik Vyd, Wadensvil Block	\$106 x _____	\$207 x _____	\$335 x _____
2018 Olenik Vyd, Anklebreaker Block	\$130 x _____	\$255 x _____	\$415 x _____
2018 Hyland Vineyard, Coury Clone	\$160 x _____	\$315 x _____	\$515 x _____
2018 Estate Vineyard, Old Vine	\$94 x _____	\$183 x _____	\$295 x _____
2018 Estate Vineyard	\$84 x _____	\$163 x _____	\$262 x _____
2018 Estate Vineyard, Etzel Block	\$130 x _____	\$255 x _____	\$415 x _____
2018 Estate Vineyard, Wadensvil Block	\$120 x _____	\$232 x _____	\$385 x _____
2018 Freedom Hill Vyd	\$84 x _____	\$163 x _____	\$262 x _____
2018 Freedom Hill Vyd, Pommard	\$106 x _____	\$207 x _____	\$335 x _____
2018 Freedom Hill Vyd, Wadensvil	\$94 x _____	\$183 x _____	\$295 x _____
2018 Freedom Hill Vyd, Coury Clone	\$160 x _____	\$315 x _____	\$515 x _____
2018 Medici Vineyard	\$106 x _____	\$207 x _____	\$335 x _____
2018 Notorious	\$180 x _____	\$355 x _____	\$582 x _____
2018 Mysterious	\$211 x _____	\$420 x _____	\$720 x _____
Total Large Format Pinot Noir			\$ _____

We make a few 9 litre bottles of our most prized Pinot Noirs each vintage.
 A Salmanazar is a full case in one bottle. Inquire about pricing and availability.

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