



2018

Fall Newsletter



*"If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together... this is something you must always remember.
You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.
But the most important thing is, even if we're apart... I'll always be with you."*

WINNIE THE POOH



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A WORD FROM THE WINEMAKER

Today, as I write, it is October 17th. There are two things about this day from last year that are of significance to me now. One is that I wrote the greeting for the newsletter this day last year and I concluded with this paragraph, *"As far as what to expect? Hard to say but based upon how nature and the universe decided to act this summer I think we are going to have unique and explosive wines on our hands. We even added to our already ridiculous set of historical Oregon vineyard sites and will no doubt have another incredible single vineyard wine from an amazing, famous old site for your consideration at some point in the future. This has been quite the vintage and quite the year here in Oregon. Perhaps being the spot in the world where this unique solar eclipse was focused had properties that we don't understand, cannot quantify and only can stand by and marvel at in our human way. This is not unlike what the best wines bring, some form of not completely being able to get why they are the way that they are. I am not the least bit surprised that the mechanics of space and the particulars of our vintage and wines may very well synch up in a subtle, special way. Stay tuned."* The other is that Patty left for her ranch later in the afternoon and it was the last time I ever saw her.



Over the past year I have talked with people about Patty, who she was, what she meant to me and our winery family. Over the course of nearly 12 months I have had the privilege to see a group of people come together to take on both the loss of a friend, colleague, mentor, winemaker and business owner.

She was the kind of winemaker with a lasting impact on all sorts of people and the Oregon wine industry as a whole. Her memory, passion and skill remain with the people and place that she left behind.

This has been a year about learning for everyone here. Generally, I am not one that subscribes to the saying, "What does not kill you makes you stronger." I feel that what does not kill you takes a hell of a lot out of you. Every person who works here daily is exceptionally talented, driven, experienced and brings something vital to the winery. Anyone of them could easily get another job for any other winery in this state, which may have been the easiest course of action to take given the circumstances.

Our team consists of **Juan Carlos Olmedo**, our attentive Vineyard Manager. JC always has a smile on his face and can fix any broke down piece of equipment on the property. He worked side by side with Patty over the years since he started with us in 2006. **Melissa Groshong** is the Director of National Sales & Winery Ambassador. She began working here in 2003, took two years off to have children then joined back with us full time in 2008. She is our longest employee with the PGC spunk. **Matty Russell** is the Cellar Master and jack of all trades that showed up here because some restaurants would not pay him in 2007. After harvest was finished, he refused to leave. **Margaret Barry** is the General Manager/Director of Sales and began here in 2014 (although she told me in 2008 I would be hiring her one day). **Caroline Schoonveld** is the Direct Sales and Logistics Manager and was lured away from a much fancier winery in 2015 with over 20 years of winery experience. **Hunter Cecil** is "The Guy" that works in the winery and also does a great job at tastings and sales. He worked harvest in 2015 before coming on full-time earlier this year. **Abigail Neilan** joined our Direct Sales team earlier this year with 12 years of winery experience. Abi came to Oregon on her honeymoon 3 years ago and the only winery she had to visit was Patricia Green Cellars. We are delighted to have her as a part of our team. That's the group. That's why Patricia Green Cellars is what it is.

WHAT STANDS OUT

When you produce as many individual Pinot Noirs as we do it seems impossible that we would find a way to make more. Well, in 2017 we managed to do that. After turning out a measly 23 bottlings in 2016 we upped our game and made 27 individual Pinot Noirs from the 2017 vintage. There are some new ones and we think they deserve an introduction.

2017 HYLAND VINEYARD, COURY CLONE PINOT NOIR: This is an amazing, old vineyard. How, back in 1972, someone decided to plant this insanely remote vineyard southwest of McMinnville is beyond me. Nonetheless, this nearly 50 year-old vineyard is the definitive site in the McMinnville AVA and is one of the most renowned vineyards in the state of Oregon. It is farmed biodynamically and the attention to detail there is amazing, especially when you take into account its size (around 135 acres). We were offered a small section of the site planted to Coury Clone in 1989. Given our predilection for collecting the great sites of Oregon in our cellar, our desire to work with beautifully farmed old vine fruit and our obsession with Coury Clone this was a no-brainer.

Our instincts proved correct. This was easily one of the top wines in the cellar from 2017, period. Having experience with the Freedom Hill Vineyard, Coury Clone definitely gave us insight into what the potential impact of the clone and site's terroir could be. Hyland is higher elevation and thus in volcanic (Jory) soil while Freedom Hill is lower and in marine (Bellpine) soil. The difference the soil has here across the clone is striking. Coury Clone possesses incredible

aromatics and tea-like characteristics with strikingly red-dominated fruit. The texture is magical, with a sensual blanket of flavors that coats the palate making for a discreet, sublime and incredibly complex wine. This a brilliant wine from an esoteric site that has made its way into the upper echelon of our bottlings in its first vintage.

2017 FREEDOM HILL VINEYARD, WADENSVIL CLONE PINOT NOIR: We have been making wines from Freedom Hill Vineyard it since 2012 and have bottled 22 individual Pinot Noirs from here in those five vintages. Freedom Hill is a great site, owned and farmed by wonderful people and it has become, behind only our Estate Vineyard, the second most important vineyard in our broad and diverse cellar. We started with the older vine Wadensvil (we get two separate blocks, one older and one younger) in 2016 but waited a year to see if we could more completely realize the potential of the block.

The terrific thing about Freedom Hill Pinot Noirs is that they all show the inherent deeper, bolder, more structured character that the site possesses. Wadensvil loves marine soil and it really benefits from anything that will add a floral note to its already graceful nature. This wine has great range across both its vertical axis (aromatics and flavor) and its horizontal axis (power and depth) creating a Pinot Noir with a great amount of space to it. This is a wine that is very comfortable with itself and allows you room to explore what it has to offer.





WHAT STANDS OUT CONT'D

2017 ESTATE VINEYARD, FIRST VINES PINOT NOIR: There is a great and sad story behind this wine. This is likely the only bottling of this that will ever exist. In 1984 the first vines were planted on the property twelve feet apart, in the block directly behind the winery. When Patty and I purchased the property in 2000, we interplanted rows to improve density. The 1984 vines have phylloxera and we have slowly been taking them out for the past couple of years. 2017 likely marks the last time there were enough plants remaining combined with high enough crop load that we could fill an entire fermenter full of fruit. These vines are the second oldest planting in the Ribbon Ridge AVA. We thought it was important, prudent and necessary to bottle a wine solely from this old, original block.

When Ribbon Ridge vines get older they really start delivering the goods. There are so few of them over 25 years of vine age, most people have not had a wide range of experience with them. The fruit is crystalline with red features that are deep, plush, vibrant and utterly gorgeous. Margaret told me I was not allowed to bottle yet another Pinot Noir, especially one that was only going to happen one time. Then she tasted it and became its biggest advocate. She was the 2016 Estate Vineyard, Bonshaw Block Pinot Noir's biggest backer last year and, well, that sort of worked out now didn't it? We produced 72 cases, which is exactly what we made of the Bonshaw in 2016.

2017 OLENIK VINEYARD, ANKLEBREAKER BLOCK PINOT NOIR: Shrouded in the mists of time are two legendary wines we made back in 2011 and 2012 that had the old labels that simply said ANKLEBREAKER BLOCK. They were unwieldy, dark-hearted wines and the description of the 2012 was simply, "A giant electric eel locked in a death match with a rhinoceros and the battle is being officiated by Marcellus Wallace (Pulp Fiction)." For years we have been asked if we were bottling it again and the answer had to be "NO." We knew if we waited long enough the right vintage would come around and the vines would respond as they did years ago.

2017 proved us right. In a vintage filled with lovely, floral, red-fruited and nuanced wines this stands out for itself showing individuality. The Anklebreaker Block is named for the rock-strewn terrain the vines grow in and that sensation is somehow undeniably transferred directly into this wine. This has been the base of the Marine Sedimentary bottling for the past four vintages, but this year it was definitely ready to go back out on a solo mission. Act accordingly because, we cannot guarantee whether this will be bottled on a regular basis.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Our Estate Vineyard: UNBELIEVABLE, amazing condition.

Winery Condition: Healthy and good (from many perspectives).

The New Tasting Space: Beautiful, hoping for completion December 2018/January 2019. It includes a 900 sqft tasting room with the basement for 22 pallets of wine storage and a 77ft back deck overlooking the vineyard to enhance your tasting experience. We will still remain appointment only with the ability to accommodate more visitors and special requests.

Overall: The tangible direction of the winery and the property is a testament to the people who decided to believe in something and each other to ensure that this winery kept not only functioning but improving.

Drinkability Chart: Updated through 2016 & available for viewing on our website.

2017 Order Form

Pinot Noir	Production	Price	Amount	Total
2017 Balcombe Vineyard	473 cases	\$37	x _____	= _____
2017 Estate Vineyard, Old Vine	582 cases	\$42	x _____	= _____
2017 Estate Vineyard	582 cases	\$37	x _____	= _____
2017 Volcanic	266 cases	\$42	x _____	= _____
2017 Marine Sedimentary	121 cases	\$42	x _____	= _____
2017 Freedom Hill Vineyard	763 cases	\$37	x _____	= _____
2017 Freedom Hill Vineyard Dijon Clone 115	291 cases	\$48	x _____	= _____
2017 Hyland Vineyard, Coury Clone	218 cases	\$75	x _____	= _____
2017 Freedom Hill Vineyard, Wadensvil Clone	194 cases	\$42	x _____	= _____
2017 Lia's Vineyard	218 cases	\$37	x _____	= _____
2017 Reserve	6,425 cases	\$27	x _____	= _____

WINE Club & Winery Only PINOT NOIR

2017 Notorious	194 cases	\$85	x _____	= _____
2017 Balcombe Vineyard, Block 1B <i>Club Only</i>	242 cases	\$60	x _____	= _____
2017 Estate Vineyard, Etzel Block <i>Club Only</i>	267 cases	\$60	x _____	<i>Reserved for club shipments</i>
2017 Estate Vineyard, First Vines <i>Club Only</i>	72 cases	\$72	x _____	2019 Release
2017 Estate Vineyard, Bonshaw Block <i>Club Only</i>	121 cases	\$60	x _____	SOLD OUT
2017 Estate Vineyard, Wadensvil Block <i>Club Only</i>	412 cases	\$55	x _____	= _____
2017 Durant Vineyard, Bishop Block <i>Club Only</i>	364 cases	\$48	x _____	<i>Reserved for club shipments</i>
2017 Durant Vineyard, Madrone Block	170 cases	\$42	x _____	= _____
2017 Medici Vineyard	145 cases	\$48	x _____	= _____
2017 Olenik Vineyard, Wadensvil Block <i>Club Only</i>	339 cases	\$48	x _____	<i>Reserved for club shipments</i>
2017 Olenik Vineyard, Anklebreaker Block	194 cases	\$60	x _____	= _____
2017 Freedom Hill Vineyard, Coury Clone	194 cases	\$75	x _____	= _____
2017 Freedom Hill Vineyard, Pommard Clone	218 cases	\$48	x _____	= _____
2017 Weber Vineyard <i>Club Only</i>	315 cases	\$48	x _____	<i>Reserved for club shipments</i>
2017 Mysterious	315 cases	\$100	x _____	<i>Reserved for club shipments</i>

WHITE WINE

2017 Estate Vineyard, Sauvignon Blanc	242 cases	\$29	x _____	= _____
2017 Willamette Valley Sauvignon Blanc	1,800 cases	\$24	x _____	= _____
2017 Dry Muscat Ottonel	170 cases	\$18	x _____	= _____

Case Discount on 12+ bottles or more -15% _____

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)

Large Format Bottles

Happy to be able to offer many of our wines in larger format bottles. Large format bottles are great for cellaring, super for parties and can improve the ageability of a wine dramatically.

1.5 litre = 2 bottles; 3 litre = 4 bottles; 5 litre = 6.67 bottles

Wine	1.5 litre	3.0 litre	5.0 litre	Total
2017 Balcombe Vineyard	\$84 x _____	\$163 x _____	\$262 x _____	= _____
2017 Balcombe Vineyard, Block 1B	\$130 x _____	\$255 x _____	\$415 x _____	= _____
2017 Durant Vyd, Bishop Block	\$106 x _____	\$207 x _____	\$335 x _____	= _____
2017 Durant Vyd, Madrone Block	\$94 x _____	\$183 x _____	\$295 x _____	= _____
2017 Weber Vineyard	\$106 x _____	\$207 x _____	\$335 x _____	= _____
2017 Olenik Vyd, Wadensvil Block	\$106 x _____	\$207 x _____	\$335 x _____	= _____
2017 Olenik Vyd, Anklebreaker Block	\$130 x _____	\$255 x _____	\$415 x _____	= _____
2017 Hyland Vineyard, Coury Clone	\$160 x _____	\$315 x _____	\$515 x _____	= _____
2017 Estate Vineyard, Old Vine	\$94 x _____	\$183 x _____	\$295 x _____	= _____
2017 Estate Vineyard	\$84 x _____	\$163 x _____	\$262 x _____	= _____
2017 Estate Vineyard, Etzel Block	\$130 x _____	\$255 x _____	\$415 x _____	= _____
2017 Estate Vineyard, First Vines	2019 Release			
2017 Estate Vineyard, Bonshaw Block	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	
2017 Estate Vineyard, Wadensvil Block	\$120 x _____	\$232 x _____	\$380 x _____	= _____
2017 Freedom Hill Vyd	\$84 x _____	\$163 x _____	\$262 x _____	= _____
2017 Freedom Hill Vyd, Pommard	\$106 x _____	\$207 x _____	\$335 x _____	= _____
2017 Freedom Hill Vyd, Dijon 115	\$106 x _____	\$207 x _____	\$335 x _____	= _____
2017 Freedom Hill Vyd, Wadensvil	\$94 x _____	\$183 x _____	\$295 x _____	= _____
2017 Freedom Hill Vyd, Coury Clone	\$160 x _____	\$315 x _____	\$515 x _____	= _____
2017 Medici Vineyard	\$106 x _____	\$207 x _____	\$335 x _____	= _____
2017 Notorious	\$180 x _____	\$355 x _____	\$582 x _____	= _____
2017 Mysterious	\$211 x _____	\$420 x _____	\$702 x _____	= _____
Case Discount on 12+ bottles or more (by volume and combined with 750ML bottles)			-15%	= _____
Total Large Format Pinot Noir:				_____



PATRICIA GREEN CELLARS WINE CLUB

Our Wine Club is full at this time, but we would like to invite you to join our Waiting List.

Please go online to do so or email Margaret@patriciagreencellars.com.

The current wait is approximately 1 to 2 years.

Thank you for your interest in our club!

We look forward to having you as a devoted Patricia Green Cellars member in the future!

AT THE WINERY

PRE-THANKSGIVING WEEKEND Open House

Saturday, 11/17 & Sunday, 11/18 10a.m. - 3p.m. Come and taste the release of our 2017 Pinot Noirs. This is the best weekend to visit and pick-up your 2017 futures. We do not advertise this open weekend, so the only way you know about this opportunity is through our website and this newsletter. We will have a great spread of food and we will open almost everything. The open house is complimentary for those who purchased futures and wine club members. Otherwise, it is \$25/person. No RSVP required.

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND Open House

Friday, 11/23 & Saturday 11/24, 10a.m. - 3p.m. Winery open house, come and taste the release of our 2017 Pinot Noirs. If you were not able to make it Pre-Thanksgiving Weekend, you have another chance. Some of the wines might be gone, but there will still be plenty to choose from. The open house is complimentary for those who purchased futures and wine club members. Otherwise, it is \$25/person. No RSVP required. *Closed Sunday, November 25th

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