



2018 Freedom Hill Vineyard, Wadensvil Clone Pinot Noir

AVA: Willamette Valley

LOCATION: Burnell Rd., Dallas, OR

ELEVATION: 500'

SOIL TYPE: Bellpine

YEAR PLANTED: 1998

CLONAL MATERIAL: 100% Wadensvil

VINEYARD SIZE: 85-acre vineyard, 1.1-acre PGC block

VINIFICATION: 1.75-ton open-top fermenters done with 100% whole clusters

PICKING DATE: 10/01/18

TONS/ACRE: 3.43

OWNERS: Dan and Helen Dusschee

PRODUCTION: 281 cases bottled

Site Characteristics: Freedom Hill Vineyard lies toward the eastern edge of the Coast Range Foothills. While associated geographically with the Eola Hills, the site lies south and west of the border of the Eola-Amity Hill Appellation outside of the town of Monmouth. The vineyard is planted on a marine sedimentary type of soil known as Bellpine. The vineyard is also located just south of the Van Duzer wind corridor which allows for more consistent average temperatures due to a lack of afternoon and evening offshore breezes rolling through. The vineyard was established in 1982 by the people who still own and manage it to this day: Dan and Helen Dusschee. While they may not have realized it at the time, they were settling onto a site destined to be one of the top Pinot Noir vineyards in the state of Oregon. Their rigorous and professional approach to the management of the vineyard has brought about that greatness, and even though the vineyard suffered through a scourge of phylloxera replantings, expansion of the site has shown that there is a distinct and indomitable terroir. We had the great fortune of being in the right place at the right time with the need for fruit in 2012 and we have had the great fortune to produce what we consider to be some of the greatest and most focused Pinot Noirs we have ever made.

Winemaking and Notes: From 2012-2016 we received the same five sections of Freedom Hill vineyard that allowed us to make the Freedom Hill "Classic" bottling and the 3 clonal bottlings. It would seem crazy for us to want to take on yet another clone from the vineyard, but when we were offered a section of Wadensvil there was simply no way we could turn it down. Wadensvil does extremely well planted in marine soils and given that Freedom Hill has produced some of our most provocative wines over the years. All our Wadensvil bottlings are quite popular and it seems people like the combination of the clone and soil. The 2018 Wadensvil is both rich with bright fruit combined with structure and density, but also showing finesse.

The 2018, is all from 100% whole cluster fermentations. This wine has stood out as one of the top wines in the cellar since ferments really started taking shape this spring. A wine where the red-fruited nature of the clone gives it a different flavor profile than all the other wines, but the clone's natural transparency allows for the inherent structure of the vineyard to be portrayed. This is a paradoxical wine in ways, but incredibly interesting. The 2018 vintage is much like the 2017 vintage, but with greater fruit concentration that balances the omnipresent tannins. While this is serious in structure and clearly a wine that will benefit from time there is such an appealing level of fruit and texture that drinking it in its relative youth is far from a bad idea. This is a showstopper in many ways and few domestic Pinot Noirs reach this level of overall intensity in all the relevant categories. Act according to your nature.