



2019

Spring Newsletter



“One of the harder things to do is to recognize that you (well, we, in this case) are living in the Golden Age. It is easy to look back and talk about the good old days. Sometimes the good old days were in fact great, sometimes they are more the product of emotion and time. However, looking around and actually realizing you are in a defining era is not something that is commonly done. If you are a believer in Oregon wines, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in particular, it is time to come to grips with the fact that this is, especially with the 2018 harvest, now officially a Golden Age.”

-JIM ANDERSON, OWNER/WINEMAKER



OVERHEAD VIEW OF BALCOMBE VINEYARD (DIRECT CENTER OF PHOTO) AND PORTIONS OF ADJACENT VINEYARDS ON BREYMAN ORCHARDS RD IN THE DUNDEE HILLS. THE BOTTOM LEFT QUADRANT IS BLOCK 1B. (Photo by Andrea Johnson)



A WORD FROM THE WINEMAKER

In November 2013, I posted a picture of an empty barrel room and wrote the following “That empty-ish room just a few weeks prior to being full of 116 barrels from the 2012 vintage that came exclusively from either Balcombe Vineyard or Freedom Hill Vineyard, then known as the V.I.P. Lounge of Patricia Green Cellars.” Since that time a common theme of the newsletter has been CHANGE. These changes are large, very positive, and continue to define who we are as a winery.

At the winery we have two spaces that are the soul and the face of the good changes that have occurred since that newsletter a little over five years ago. The face of the change is the new tasting room addition that was completed this spring. Many of you have come to see it since our opening. The consensus is the new space portrays who we have been over the years and who we are now. We are very happy with the addition and everyone’s reaction to it.

The true embodiment of change that we have undertaken has manifested itself in the same empty barrel room that was featured back in 2013. However, rather than two vineyards making up the room, it is now ten. We have always been intensely interested in “place” and over the past few years we have managed to add new vineyards, expand holdings in older vineyards and improve the farming in our vineyard to such a point that it allegedly achieved perfection with one of our 2016 bottlings. We now call this room The Heritage Vineyard Room.

In 2011, I worked an early harvest in Burgundy, France. Aside from being an early harvest it was a light vintage as well, so there were many times during the day with relatively little to do. One day I got visit Domaine Jadot and meet with their winemaker, Fred Barnier, who was gracious with his time and showed me around, tasting fermentation samples of the 2011 wines. At the end he took me to a different part of the winery where we arrived at a locked glass door. He entered a passcode and we went in. The room was filled with barrels of 2010 Red Burgundies exclusively from the multitude of Grand Cru sites from which Jadot sources fruit. Legendary vineyards were represented there; Musigny, Chambertin, Bonnes Mares and several more. It’s quite the place for anyone that knows about and loves Burgundy. Few Domaines have access to such a broad array of great sites and even for a Domaine the size of Jadot sometimes the quantities were just a few barrels. The feeling that room left on me was remarkable and long lasting.



OVERHEAD VIEW OF THE VINES AND ROCKS THAT MAKE UP THE ANKLEBREAKER BLOCK AT OLENIK VINEYARD IN THE CHEHALEM MOUNTAINS. (Photo by Andrea Johnson)

Over the past few years we’ve slowly been assembling a collection of fruit from a breadth of Willamette Valley vineyard sites that would rival and likely surpass the cellar of any other winery in Oregon. Having sites that were historic, had older vines and were simply great sites had become increasingly important to Patty and myself over the years. It was always about making the best wines possible, but it was also about investing in, honoring and keeping alive the history of Oregon’s great, heritage sites.

This combination of well-known, established vineyards has never been represented before in one winery, let alone in one room. This barrel room houses 198 barrels from 10 vineyards with containing upwards of 16 individual bottlings of Pinot Noir. While only containing approximately 33% of our wines, this room embodies the essence of our winery’s existence while illustrating Oregon’s historic sites.

WHATS HAPPENING

Walking through our Heritage Vineyard Room and New Tasting Space is a reminder of how far Oregon has come and the amazing heights to which we have climbed. Our Tasting Room is open daily by appointment at 10a.m., 11:30a.m., 1p.m. & 2:30p.m. Our tasting experience includes a flight of 5-7 wines with a small cheese pairing to accompany the wines.

2018 VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2018s are deep, concentrated and full of life. They show impressive levels of acidity and tannin which will only serve to brighten the wines, elongate the finishes and make for incredibly compelling wines in the years to come. Over the years we have strived to make the best possible Pinot Noirs, when undeniably Oregon Pinot Noir is at a level only a few

wines and wine regions can ever aspire to reach. We have over 600 barrels of Pinot Noir and some are at truly rare heights even at this stage of development. This is a terrific time to be an Oregon producer and consumer of the most exciting, captivating and delicious red and white varieties in the world.

THE HERITAGE ROOM MAKEUP

Balcombe Vineyard, Block 1B: This is our flagship and most popular wine every year. Our relationship with this vineyard dates back to 1997 and we have produced both this bottling and a regular Balcombe Vineyard bottling every vintage of our existence. The entire site was planted to Pommard in 1990 and the section we call Block 1B has consistently produced incredibly exciting, dense, supple and age-worthy wines for over two decades. This wine has received critical accolades over multiple vintages for its long history and exceptional ageability.

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Durant Vineyard, Bishop Block: The bulk of this Block remains the original planting done in 1973 by the Durant family which still owns, maintains and lives on the property. The Durant family is as much a pioneer in the Oregon wine industry as some of the more notable legends. The wines from this block are deep, elegant, deft and have great sophistication and length to them, something that is accredited to older vines. At 40 years+ vine-age there is a greater degree of subtlety to the expression of the fruit along with a sense of minerality in the wines. The overall tone, tenor and balance of the wine is more nuanced and will evolve to survive the tests of time much more gracefully than its younger counterparts. Having access to fruit from this wonderful, old, historic family vineyard is both a joy and a gift for which we are extremely grateful.

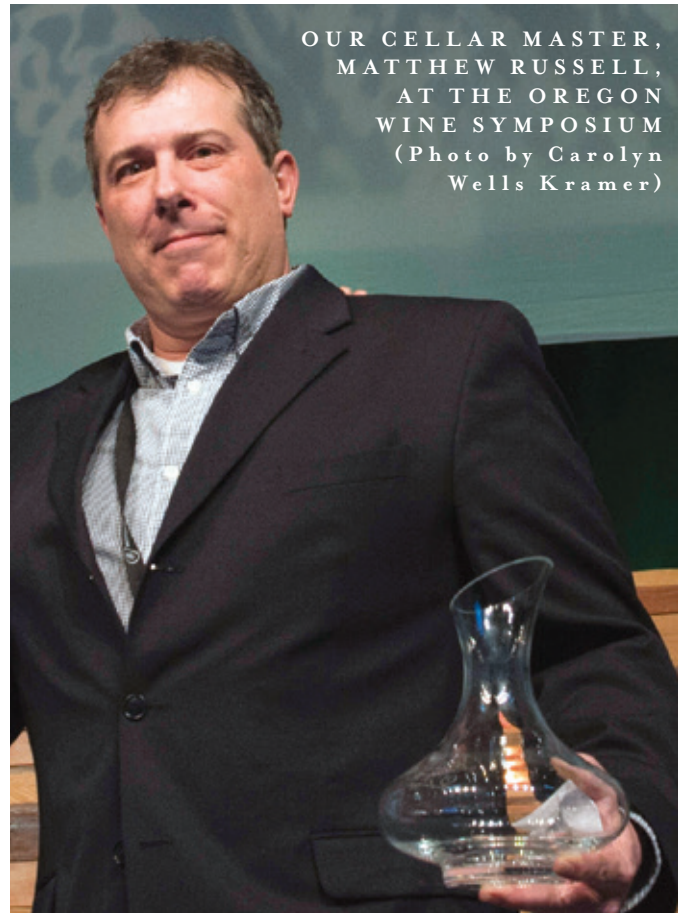
Estate Vineyard: Our Estate site was originally established in 1984, making it the second oldest vineyard planted in the Ribbon Ridge AVA. With nearly every section of the site having vines that are 20+ years old, it is one of larger sites in the area containing such a high percentage of mature plants. Over the years we have produced several bottlings from this Marine Sedimentary soil site. Three, in particular, that stand out are the following blocks:

- **Bonshaw Block:** This southwestern facing block of Pommard (1.25 acres) of the vineyard, in 2016, produced

the only Pinot Noir from Oregon to garner a 100-point review from a leading wine publication. Planted in 1990, this section of the Estate produces dramatic, intense, powerful yet highly defined Pinot Noirs. This section has been the crown jewel of the vineyard since we purchased the property in 2000.

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OUR CELLAR MASTER,
MATTHEW RUSSELL,
AT THE OREGON
WINE SYMPOSIUM
(Photo by Carolyn
Wells Kramer)

THE HERITAGE ROOM MAKEUP (CONTINUED)

- **Etzel Block:** Named after our neighbor (and part-owner of Beaux Freres Winery), this is a block that slopes to the northwest and when you are walking down the tractor row you are walking straight toward Mike's vineyard. This block began showing its unique characteristics in 2003 when the older plants in the section turned 18. We have bottled an "Etzel Block" every vintage since then. Planted with both Pommard from 1986 and Dijon 114 from 2001, this block is known for easily melding nuance with power. Every year this block looks better and the wines get more and more compelling. Easily the second most popular wine we produce.
- **First Vines:** This is the original planting of Pommard clone on the Estate Vineyard done in 1984. The vines that remain unscathed by phylloxera are still producing incredible wine. The first bottling of this was the 2017. The 2018 (in barrel now) will be the last. Ribbon Ridge is certainly the AVA in the Willamette Valley that most clearly shows the positive exchange between the land the plant grows in and the fruit the plant bears.

Freedom Hill Vineyard: This well-known and highly revered site in the southern Eola Hills was originally planted by Dan and Helen Dusschee who still own it, live on it and farm it with their son Dustin. Few vineyards in Oregon have the track record and duration with multiple different wineries and winemakers as Freedom Hill. While the site has a history of producing dark and powerful styles of Pinot Noir (it still does) in our time of working with the fruit, dating back to 2012, we have discovered that there lies a lot of distinction and complexity to be had from certain sections of the vineyard. The following are our individual takes of the terroir of Freedom Hill Vineyard seen through the lens of individual clones:

- **Coury Clone:** A special clone that produces aromatically complex wines that are delicate even where there is quite a bit of dark fruit, fruit heft and tannin. A rare and incredibly compelling wine. This clone was the inspiration and impetus for the original clonal bottlings we did in 2012. There simply is nothing else like this in the cellar.
- **Dijon 115 Clone:** Taken from the most prized of the 3 blocks of Dijon 115 that we receive, this generally comes from a combination of 50% and 100% whole cluster fermentations. The results are stunning, showing aromatic richness with violet tones, great depth, length and structure without heaviness.

- **Pommard Clone:** The most Freedom Hill-y of the Freedom Hill bottlings, even more so than the "classic" Freedom Hill. Dark, muscular, game-y, sauvage-laden, and old-school. Also, undeniably and incredibly delicious. In reference to the 2013 bottling of this wine, Josh Reynolds, of The International Wine Cellar said, "this is the only wine I have ever smelled that reminded me aromatically of the Echezeaux bottling from Henri Jayer-Gilles." If you know what that means then good on you. If you don't, suffice it to say it is an incredible compliment.

***Offered as a future**

- **Wadensvil Clone:** A relative newcomer for us but given our predilection for this clone and our love of this vineyard, this is a no-brainer. The red-fruited nature of Wadensvil clone gives it a unique flavor profile from the other Freedom Hill bottlings. A paradoxical wine in ways but incredibly interesting.

Hyland Vineyard, Coury Clone: Some great vineyards don't look the part. Gentle, ordinary slopes with little visual indication of greatness can be the perfect spot for Pinot Noir. Hyland Vineyard looks the part. This isolated vineyard, somehow magically established in what is still the middle of nowhere in 2019, was even more so when initially planted in 1972. It is majestic viewing and the fruit delivers. This old site is farmed biodynamically and is planted at a high elevation. The farming in this vineyard is exquisite with extraordinary attention to soil management so the plants have an extremely healthy environment in which to grow. This is a special place. Our block of Coury Clone was planted in 1989. Coury Clone is a rare and unique clone of Pinot Noir brought to America from Alsace (via California) in the 1960s by Charles Coury, initially propagated at Hyland Vineyard. The clone, elevation and volcanic soil work together in assisting us to produce this incredible wine. The wine shows a brilliant balance with high-toned fruit, great acidity, and phenomenal depth and length.

***Offered as a future**

Medici Vineyard: Established over 40 years ago in 1976, in the Chehalem Mountains which was a major risk as every other vineyard being planted at that time was located in the Dundee Hills. Towering up to nearly 900' elevation, this vineyard on volcanic Jory soil was an oddity back then but still produced some of the region's most striking and noteworthy wines. The vineyard was taken over by J. Christopher winery in 2015 and is now farmed biodynamically. Today this site produces wine with

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2018 Pinot Noir Futures

FUTURES PRICING AVAILABLE THROUGH JUNE 30TH 2019

Dundee Hills AVA

	Retail	Futures				
2018 Pinot Noir Balcombe Vineyard, Block 1B- Club Only	\$60	\$50	x		=	
2018 Pinot Noir Mysterious Vineyard	\$100	\$90	x		=	
2018 Pinot Noir Durant Vineyard, Madrone Block	\$48	\$38	x		=	

Chehalem Mountains AVA

2018 Pinot Noir Olenik Vineyard, Anklebreaker Block	\$60	\$50	x		=	
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Ribbon Ridge AVA

2018 Pinot Noir Estate Vineyard, Wadensvil Clone	\$55	\$45	x		=	
2018 Pinot Noir Estate Vineyard, Bonshaw Block- Club Only	\$75	\$65	x		=	

Almost in the Eola-Amity AVA (but not quite)

2018 Pinot Noir Freedom Hill Vineyard, Pommard Clone	\$48	\$38	x		=	
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McMinnville AVA

2018 Pinot Noir Hyland Vineyard, Coury Clone	\$75	\$65	x		=	
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Sub-Total (Minimum 1 case to ship or 6 bottles to pick up) _____

Case Discount on 12 or more bottles of Pinot Noir ordered by June 30th, 2019 -10% _____

Total of All Pinot Noir Futures _____

White

2017 Chardonnay, Durant Vineyard	\$42	x		=	
2018 Sauvignon Blanc, Estate Vineyard	\$29	x		=	
2018 Dry Muscat Ottonel, Oak Grove Vineyard	\$18	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)

Phone: (503) 554-0821 E-Mail: winery@patriciagreencellars.com

See reverse side for Large Format Bottle Order Form

NOTE ON FUTURES DURATION:

In the past we have run the Futures Program and discount on the barrel wines from the time we released the newsletter until the end of August. Due to the expansion of our mailing list we will only be able to offer the 2018 Pinot Noir Futures at the discounted rate until June 30th. For the vast majority of you this will have no impact at all as you usually order before the end of May. For those of you that are late to the game at times please note this change in our schedule.

FUTURES PRICING ON LARGE FORMAT BOTTLES

We are 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. After June 30th, all remaining large format bottles will be available at retail price. Retail prices are not listed below.

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

	1.5 litre	3.0 litre	5.0 litre	
	Price/Amount	Price/Amount	Price/Amount	Total
2018 Balcombe Vineyard, Block 1B- Club Only	\$110 x _____	\$214 x _____	\$346 x _____	= _____
2018 Mysterious Vineyard	\$178 x _____	\$342 x _____	\$560 x _____	= _____
2018 Durant Vyd, Madrone Block	\$84 x _____	\$164 x _____	\$270 x _____	= _____
2018 Olenik Vyd, Anklebreaker Block	\$110 x _____	\$214 x _____	\$346 x _____	= _____
2018 Estate Vineyard, Wadensvil Block	\$106 x _____	\$198 x _____	\$319 x _____	= _____
2018 Estate Vineyard, Bonshaw Block- Club Only	\$140 x _____	\$270 x _____	\$448 x _____	= _____
2018 Freedom Hill Vyd, Pommard Clone	\$84 x _____	\$164 x _____	\$270 x _____	= _____
2018 Hyland Vineyard, Coury Clone	\$140 x _____	\$270 x _____	\$448 x _____	= _____
Sub-Total				_____
Case Discount on 12+ bottles (by volume and combined with 750ML bottles) -10%				_____
Total Large Format Pinot Noir Futures				_____

All future pricing is valid through June 30th, 2019.

THE HERITAGE ROOM MAKEUP (CONTINUED)

amazing aromatics, length and depth. The blocks we receive date back to the original 1976 planting of Pommard and the 1980 planting of Chardonnay which were grafted to Dijon 777 in the late 1990s.

Mysterious Vineyard: This is not the name of the famous vineyard site from which it originates. We are not allowed to use the actual name in printed material, publications or on the label, as we must sign a brand protection clause/non-disclosure agreement to be able to purchase the fruit from the winery that owns it. Located near the peak of the legendary Worden Hill Road, this vineyard dates back to the late 1970s and is certainly a large part of the Dundee Hills' history. This vineyard is one of the best sites here, surrounded by other old and distinctive vineyards that helped define the AVA. This unique hillside has been the home of incredible pioneering individuals that makes this part of the world so unique for Pinot Noir. Our block of Pommard was planted in 1990 and takes to high levels of whole cluster fermentation particularly well. This is an extraordinary site that has earned its fame as one of Oregon's greatest vineyards.

***Offered as a future**

Olenik Vineyard: Initially planted in 1987 as Jacob-Hart Vineyard by the original owners of Rex Hill, Paul Hart and Jan Jacobsen, this site sprawls across a gorgeous south facing hillside in the central part of the Chehalem Mountains AVA just east of Ribbon Ridge. This hillside is unique, containing marine sedimentary soil partly loaded with a quarry full of softball and greater sized basalt chunks. We receive several blocks at this point and are currently bottling two wines that capture the essence of this site in very different ways:

- **The Anklebreaker Block:** This is a 2007 planting of Pommard on the rockiest section of the vineyard that looks very similar to many of the vineyards in Chateauneuf du Pape. The wines from this block are exceptional, dark fruited, animalistic and tannic. They are not friendly and easy. They are a pure marriage of plant and soil. This is a rare bottling that defines the outer limits of our nature at the winery.

***Offered as a future**

- **Wadensvil Block:** This is the second oldest section remaining on the site having been planted over 25 years ago in 1991. Directly south facing on one of the gentler slopes in the vineyard, this block has been a mainstay for us since our first vintage with Olenik Vineyard in 2009. There is something about Willakenzie (marine) soil and Wadensvil clone together. They have a sympatico sort of relationship and the wines can be just thrilling examples of Oregon Pinot Noir. The wines are perfumed, red fruit oriented with hints of black fruit, gentle in nature but with firm enough tannins for great complexity.

Ridgecrest Vineyard, 1982 Block: The grandfather of all the vineyards on the Ribbon Ridge. The 5-acre, 1982 block is the oldest section of vineyard in the entire AVA. One of the amazing and crazy things about many of these older, historical sites is how far out in the middle of nowhere they are. Even by today's standards Ridgecrest is fairly isolated and back in the first decade or so of the Oregon wine industry this was beyond remote, but it worked. Located up at the top of Ribbon Ridge Road, this vineyard sits upon dusty marine soil in the area's most interesting AVA. Cool afternoon breezes are commonplace here, allowing for long hang times and later ripening. We are thrilled to have fruit from this amazing site. We will produce 3 barrels of this wine from the 2018 vintage. This is dark and extremely concentrated with a river rock component to the finish. It is a compelling wine that shows the explosive and unrestrained nature of the Ribbon Ridge.

Weber Vineyard: Art and Vivian Weber established their site in 1976. This beautiful and amazing vineyard sits on a unique geological formation. It rolls down into a fold on the hillside that protects it in a way that mitigates the southern facing nature it has. The elevation, steep angles and the fact it's somewhat enclosed by a bowl of hills, makes for one of our later (sometimes last) picked vineyards each vintage. Our vines come from a 1983 planting of Pommard with great red fruit character, minerality and a satin-like texture that is intensely Dundee Hill-styled. Its old vine fruit and complex tannin chains makes for a multifaceted wine even at relatively young ages.



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AT THE WINERY

Pre-Memorial Day Open House: Saturday, May 18, 2019, 10:00- 3:00; We open our winery doors to let you taste the 2018 Pinot Noir Futures out of barrel. There is no appointment necessary for this event. This is the best event for club members to bring guests! All club members receive 4 complimentary entries. We will have a spread of cheese and charcuterie to enjoy with the barrel samples.

Seated Barrel Tasting Seminar: Sunday, May 19th, 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. Wine Club Members only - you must sign up in advance.

This event is a seated barrel tasting of the 2018 Pinot Noir Futures with the winemaker for club members only. There will be two seminars at 11a.m. and 2p.m. Due to the popularity of this event it is limited to members only. Sorry, no club guests for this event. To RSVP for one of the seminars please email Caroline: Caroline@patriciagreencellars.com

Memorial Day Open House Weekend: Saturday, May 25th & Sunday, May 26th, 10:00- 3:00; Winery open house tasting of the 2018 Pinot Noir Futures. There is no appointment required for this weekend. The tasting fee is \$25/person and complimentary for club members. We will have a spread of cheese and charcuterie to enjoy with the barrel samples. We will be closed Monday, May 27th.

Save The Date, August 3rd & 4th: WINE CLUB MEMBERS ONLY APPRECIATION WEEKEND. Due to the popularity of this event for our members we have extended it to two days. Official invites to come.