

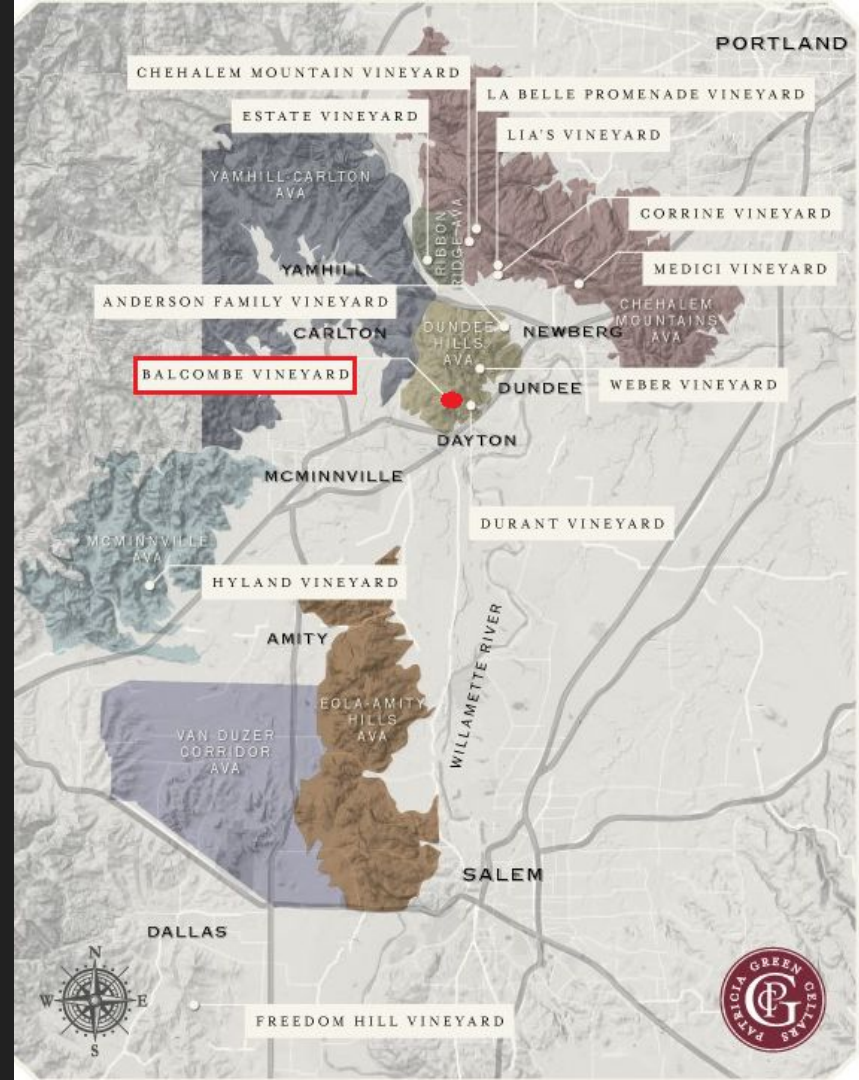
An aerial photograph of a vineyard at sunrise. The vineyard is divided into several sections by dirt roads. The rows of grapevines are lush green. In the background, there is a dense forest of evergreen trees, and further back, rolling hills and mountains are visible under a hazy, golden sky. A small building is visible on the right side of the vineyard.

Balcombe Vineyard

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- Planted in 1990 on west-facing slope by Mort & Joyce Cooke
- 7.25ac of Pommard Clone
- Volcanic soils(15mya)
- Farmed by PGC since 1997 (our longest-running wine!)
- 2 Wines Produced from here:
 - Balcombe “Classic” - sourced from entire property. Distributed to restaurants/wine shops.
 - Balcombe Vineyard, Block 1B - just the lower southeast corner. Winery exclusive.
 - The two bottlings share the Dundee Hills characteristics of sweetly red fruited mid-palate and sumptuous textures. The Block 1B bottling throttles things up slightly offering a darker range of fruit, more intensity across the palate and a distinctly greater tannic profile.

Balcombe Vineyard relative to the other vineyards from who we currently purchase fruit



2018 Balcombe Vineyard, Block 1B

SOIL TYPE: Jory (volcanic)

YEAR PLANTED: 1990

CLONAL MATERIAL: Pommard

PICKING DATE: 10/7/2018

TONS/ACRE: 2.17

VINIFICATION: 2.5 ton and 1.75-ton open-top fermenters done with 60 and 33% whole cluster fermentations respectively.

The whole cluster element lends spices and herbs to the super-darkly fruited nature of the wine creating depth and complexity. As usual, the wine is brooding in its youth and has incredible longevity. Tastings of the 2000 and 2001 bottlings over the past year revealed wines that were in tremendous shape. We are better at what we do now than we were then and the vineyard is nearly 30 years old now, not just getting to 10. This section of the vineyard is a worker. It just cranks out an incredible wine every single year. Every year the vines get more mature and at 29 years of vine age are just entering full maturity. This is a gorgeous uber-rendition of Dundee Hills Pinot Noir.

Balcombe Vineyard, Block 1B

