N MORAINE VINEYARD, YAMHILL, OR #GM23_139

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2020

Cascade Pinot Noir

Our 2020 Cascade Pinot Noir is lithe, acid-driven, refined, simultaneously infinitely contemplatable, and infinitely gulp able.

A mild dry winter led to mild to relatively cool spring. Bud break was at 50% of our properties on April 9th which is one of the earliest on record. We did not experience any frost damage. Cool and wet conditions during June flowering season resulted in a very small crop and fruit set with small berries. Summer for the most part was very mild with few extreme heat events.

AROMAS

Chocolate covered raspberry, mulling spices, Cara Cara Orange, rose petals, crushed potpourri, tarragon

FLAVORS

Pomegranate, service berry, pink lady apple, kumquat, mint tea, baking spice, cigar box

TEXTURE

Ruthlessly high-toned entry, quenching acidity mid-pallet to finish, baking cocoa tannins with black tea and humus driven finish

HARVEST

September 9th, 2020

AGING

14 months in 33% new French oak barrels

CLONES ALCOHOL II5 I3.0%

TA PH 0.60 g/100ml 3.40

PRODUCTION 130 cases

OUR VINEYARD

Nestled in the eastern foothills of Oregon's Coastal Range, on the wild western edge of the Yamhill-Carlton AVA, the range's peaks to the west and south buffer maritime winds and rain from the Pacific Ocean, creating a more temperate growing season distinct from neighboring vineyard sites. Planted in 2005-2006 to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay Dijon clones, the I94-acre vineyard perches in thin marine sedimentary soils, and diversity of block exposures and elevation offer a diverse palette for our farming and winemaking team.

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