



WILLAKENZIE ESTATE

2019 TERRES BASSES PINOT NOIR

YAMHILL-CARLTON | ESTATE GROWN

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WillaKenzie Estate is located in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA in the Northern Willamette Valley, Oregon. The winery was established in 1991 by Bernard Lacroute, who was inspired by the Estate's dynamic rolling hills that reminded him of his Burgundian roots. The Estate is named for the marine sedimentary soil series on which the vineyard is planted, in keeping with tradition that great wines reflect a true sense of place. WillaKenzie remains committed to its sustainable practices by preserving the biodiversity of the land and is Oregon's first LIVE certified winery (#001).

TERRES BASSES

Terres Basses in French means 'low lands' and that is precisely where it is located on our Estate. Due to its low elevation and unique terroir, Terres Basses encourages early ripening and produces small berries with thick skins. Unlike the rest of our Estate, the grapevines in Terres Basses perch in clay soil called Hazelair, which result in a wine that is very dark, rich, and powerful.

VINTAGE NOTES

Overall, the 2019 growing season was cooler with fewer than 20 days at or above 90 degrees Fahrenheit. An abrupt cooldown with seasonal rainfall in September extended well into October. These cool temperatures and early rain added depth and personality to the vintage, typical of the Willamette Valley.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Grapes were harvested by hand from a single parcel of Dijon Clone 115 within the Terres Basses terroir on September 26th, 2019. The grapes from this single block were fermented in an open top, stainless steel vessel and the wine spent approximately three weeks on skins before being transferred to French oak barrels. The wine then spent approximately 17 months in barrel prior to assemblage and bottling. 🌿

ALCOHOL: 13.6%

PH: 3.58 TA: 5.6 g/L

ÉLEVAGE

17 months French oak (58% new)

CLONE

100% Dijon 115

SUSTAINABILITY

- LIVE-Certified
- Salmon-Safe

TASTING NOTES

This classic Pinot Noir offers true transparency of place. Complex aromas of dark fruit, grilled game, lavender, and hints of holiday spice carry through seamlessly to an energetic and focused palate. The tannins are refined and the finish has great length.

PRODUCTION

292 cases