



2018 SILICE PINOT NOIR CHEHALEM MOUNTAINS AVA

WINERY

Bergström Wines, a first-generation American family business, is one of the most unique and lauded domaines in the Willamette Valley. Dr. John Bergström's Swedish heritage and the love he developed for the Pacific Northwest are the roots of this estate. In 1999, John and his son, Josh, established Bergström Wines and today, Josh and Caroline, his wife and business partner, are celebrating more than 25 years as biodynamic growers of estate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vineyards on the finest appellations within Oregon's Willamette Valley.

WINE

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VINEYARDS

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VINTAGE NOTES

2018 was a warm and early year leading into another classically cool fall with conditions for perfect ripening. Wines showcase great acidity balanced with fruit-forward, mineral, and juicy flavors.

WINEMAKING

100% whole-cluster fermentation in open-top, stainless steel fermentation tanks. 100% malolactic and alcoholic fermentation (no residual sugars or malic acids.) No fining. Aged for 10-12 months on natural lees in 10-15% new 228L French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Red cherry in color, the 2018 Silice Pinot Noir recalls the elegance of the 2008 vintage. Its aromatic bouquet is vibrant, with notes of sea breeze salinity, holiday spices—clove, cinnamon, ginger, anise, and pepper—and floral hints of rose and wildflowers. Earthy tones of sweet mushroom and subtle stem spice add depth. Though Silice is known for its youthful structure, the 2018 glides effortlessly across the palate with ripe, dark fruit and a seamless, silky texture.



VINEYARD

- Region: Oregon
- Appellation: Willamette Valley
- Sub-Appellation: Chehalem Mountains AVA
- Soil: Deep, Dupee class marine sedimentary sands. 12-15 feet of 85% sand on sandstone and siltstone
- Age/Exposure: Up to 20 years old. South and West at 470 feet of elevation
- Eco-Practices: Biodynamic since inception

WINEMAKING

- Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir
- Aging: 10-12 months on natural lees in 228L French oak barrels (10-15% new)

TECHNICAL DETAILS

- Yeast: Native, when possible
- Alcohol: 13.5%
- Total Acidity: 5.1 g/L
- pH: 3.63