



# 2017 The Eyrie Vineyards PINOT NOIR SISTERS VINEYARD



## THE VITICULTURE

Elevation: 220'-330'      Planted: 1989-present      Acres: 4.2

Named for the three Pinot sister varieties on the site, gris, blanc and noir, the four acres of Pinot here, planted in 1987 to Pommard and Wädenswil clones, often carry a flowery scent on top of earth and fruit. The elevation runs from 220' at the bottom to 330' at the top, and the exposure is directly south.

## THE VINIFICATION

One of five cuvées that are produced identically, with the same fermentation regimes of wild yeast and small fermentation vessels, followed by aging in blends of cooperage with 19% new oak in each. The result is a fascinating journey up the Dundee Hills, from our lowest elevation Sisters vineyard at 220' up to our highest elevation Daphne vineyard at 860'. Each wine reflects facets of soil, site, exposure, and vine age that together capture a precise portrait of how variations in place can influence Pinot noir.

## THE VINTAGE

Record breaking precipitation fell in February followed by heavier than normal rain through the spring. The summer was dry and quite warm; fortunately, our deeply rooted vines weathered it well, drawing on the spring rains soaked deep in the soil. Of some worry was late-summer smoke from forest fires in the Columbia Gorge many miles away, but a burst of rain two weeks before harvest washed the vines and refreshed them - and put out the fires in the Gorge. At the end of September, harvest began as moderate temperatures moved in. This vintage was closest to "normal" of the last five years, starting just before our historical average of October 5.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

Fermentation:	1.5 hL open-top, hand pigeage
Barrel age:	19% new/recent, 81% neutral
Production in cases:	516
Bottling date:	May 2019
Appellation:	Dundee Hills
pH:	3.77
Total acidity:	5.1 g/L
Residual sugar	0.0
Alcohol % by volume	12.92

## AVERAGE TEMPERATURES & RAINFALL

