

ESTATE SINGLE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR COLLECTION



THE VITICULTURE & VINIFICATION

Our five vineyards are all remarkable examples of Pinot noir in the Willamette Valley. Not only has each been farmed organically since inception, each vineyard contains ungrafted, pre-Phylloxera plantings that are vanishingly rare in the world of wine.

These five cuvées are produced identically, with the same fermentation regimes of wild yeast and small fermentation vessels, followed by aging in blends of cooperage with 12% 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.

ABOUT THE EYRIE VINEYARDS

In January of 1965, Eyrie founder David Lett arrived in Oregon with 3,000 grapevine cuttings and a theory. He believed that the Willamette Valley had the right combination of climate and soil to produce Pinot noir unmatched outside of Burgundy.

Inspired by a pair of red-tailed hawks thatmade their nest, an eyrie, in the fir trees overlooking their first vineyard site, David and his new bride Diana christened their fledgling endeavor The Eyrie Vineyards. Just as the descendants of those hawks still make their home above the vineyard, David and Diana's son Jason continues the Lett family tradition of producing fine Eyrie wines.

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PINOT NOIR SISTERS

Elevation: 220'-330'

Planted: 1989-present Acres: 4

Acres: 5

Acres: 7

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 Wadenswil 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.

PINOT NOIR OUTCROP

Elevation: 280'-360'

Planted:1981-1997

This vineyard is named for the underlying outcrop of rock ridging perpendicularly to the hillside. Outcrop overlooks our original vineyard. The five acres of Pinot here were planted to Wadenswil clone between 1982 and 2000. The elevation runs from 280' up to 360' and faces north north-east. In spite of the northern exposure, reflected heat from the Original Vines planting warms the site.

PINOT NOIR ORIGINAL VINES

Elevation: 260'-410'

Planted: 1966-1974

Eyrie's original vineyard, and the home of the hawks that grace our label, the 7 acres of Pinot here were planted from 1965 to 1974 to Wadenswil, Pommard and Upright clones. The elevation runs from 260' up to 410' and faces south rolling east and west. The wines from this site are our most fragrant and complex. This is the original planting of Pinot noir in the Willamette Valley.

PINOT NOIR ROLAND GREEN

Elevation: 540'-720'

Planted: 1988-present Acres: 5.1

Named for David Lett's father Roland Green Lett, the 5 acres of Pinot here were planted in 1988 to Pommard and Wadenswil clones. This direct south-facing vineyard provides wines of great texture, depth and finesse from a nearly perfect site.

PINOT NOIR DAPHNE

Elevation: 820'-860'

Planted: 1974-1984

Named for a very dear and longtime friend of Eyrie, this 1.5 acres of Pinot was planted to Pommard clone in 1974 and produces intense wines of herbal fruit and stones from very small clusters. This hilltop vineyard's soil is very shallow, averaging less than 10 inches on top of large boulders from 820'.











Acres: 1.5