

# 2019 Gina Pinot Noir

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Yamhill-Carlton  
Willamette Valley, Oregon



**Suggested Retail:**  
**\$45**

### **Vintage:**

2019 saw a growing season cooler on average than what the previous few years had us accustomed to, bringing a total heat accumulation similar to 2005, one of our favorite Willamette Valley vintages. Regrettably, precipitation, which was fairly moderate prior to harvest, increased by mid-September especially at our estate vineyard in Dundee. The decision to harvest had to be hastened, as Botrytis was showing its ugly head. A slow and painstaking sorting process in the vineyard and winery allowed us to only keep the most pristine clusters. Our quest for quality affected yield, resulting in 20% less wine from our old Dundee vines that year. The silver lining is that our Trovato vineyard in Yamhill was not hit as hard by the rains, which means there will still be plenty of Furioso wines to go around. Looking back, we think the decision to harvest earlier was the right one, as we avoided catastrophe, not only from the rain but also from the migratory birds which came earlier that year and devastated some vineyards in Oregon. Altogether, this will be a vintage to cellar for Pinot Noir as the wine, tight and austere in its youth, will need a few years in the bottle to fully express itself.

### **Tasting Notes:**

The second vintage of this wine, the 2019 Gina presents the more elegant, delicate side of our Yamhill-Carlton estate. Crafted with one-hundred percent free run juice and minimal new oak, Gina offers aromas of wild blackberry, violets, tea leaves, and sweet spice. A refined palate with lush tannins shows notes of black plum, orange peel, and plenty of juicy acidity.

### **Vineyards:**

Trovato Vineyard – Yamhill-Carlton, Willamette Valley, Oregon (estate)

### **Winemaking:**

Case Production: 475 cases  
Fermentation: wild fermentation, 100% destemmed, un-fined, unfiltered  
Barrel regimen: 10 months in 15% new French oak  
ABV: 13.3%

**Cellaring:** Two to ten years post vintage. 2020 – 2030

### **Accolades:**

2018 Vintage – Gold, SF Chronicle