

2019 Pietro Pinot Noir

Dundee Hills
Willamette Valley, Oregon



Suggested Retail:
\$45

Vintage:

This year saw a growing season cooler on average than what the last few years had us accustomed to, bringing a total heat accumulation similar to 2005, one of my 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:

This **2019 Pietro** is our second release of this wine from the Trovato Vineyard, our estate property in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA. This Pinot Noir is a blend of multiple blocks of vines, representing a diversity of clones – from the classic Pommard and Dijon clones, to newly selected cultivars such as Mt. Eden and Swan. After having been handpicked at optimum maturity, the clusters were destemmed and naturally fermented. The wine was subsequently aged in French barrels (25% new) for 10 months before being bottled unfined and unfiltered. The diversity of Pinot Noir clones used creates a complex wine which is stylistically different from the Pinot Noirs produced on our estate Furioso Vineyard in Dundee. On the nose, this young wine has hints of black cherry, rose petal, graphite, and tarragon, as befits as Yamhill-Carlton AVA Pinot Noir. In the mouth, elements of cranberry and orange, more “red fruited” than the 2018 vintage, evokes thoughts of fresh-caught grilled Pacific Northwest salmon. As with all Furioso wines, this bottle was made to be cellared and will continue to evolve in the bottle for up to 10 years. To enjoy this wine young, it should be decanted before serving.

Vineyards:

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

Winemaking:

Case Production: 1,028 cases
Fermentation: wild fermentation, 100% destemmed, un-fined, unfiltered
Barrel regimen: 10 months in 25% new French oak
ABV: 13.2%

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

Accolades:

“A very sultry nose with savory, flinty notes, as well as crushed violets and attractive blueberries, red berries, and cherries. Some cocoa powder, too. The palate has a very complete, mouth-filling style with such attractive, vibrant fruit flavors in the cherry and red-plum zone. Long, noble tannins. Drink or hold.”

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