

2019

La Linea Pinot Noir

Dundee Hills

Willamette Valley, Oregon

Vintage:

The 2018-2019 winter was fairly mild with low precipitation. However, as the vines were coming out of dormancy, temperatures dropped in February and March, which created a wider spread in bud break occurrences. The growing season was, on average, cooler than what the last few years had accustomed us to, bringing a total heat accumulation similar to 2005, one of my favorite Willamette Valley vintages. Definitely a winemaker's dream when you are farming Pinot Noir and Chardonnay! Regrettably, precipitation, which was fairly moderate prior to harvest, increased by mid-September especially at our estate vineyard in the Dundee Hills, causing painstaking sorting and a resulting drop in yield.

Looking back, I think the decision to harvest earlier in 2019 was the right one, as we avoided a sanitary 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, as the wine, tight and austere in its youth, will need a few years in the bottle to fully express itself.

~ Winemaker Dom Mahé



Suggested Retail:
\$79

Vineyards:

Furioso Vineyard - Dundee Hills AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon (estate)

Winemaking:

Case Production: **251 cases**

Fermentation: wild fermentation, 100% destemmed, unfined, unfiltered.

Barrel regimen: 10 months in 20% new French oak barriques

ABV: 12.5%

Cellaring:

Two to ten years post vintage. 2022 - 2030

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