

2020

Wadenswil Pinot Noir

Yamhill-Carlton AVA
Willamette Valley, Oregon

Vintage:

After a relatively mild winter, 2020 greeted us with unseasonably warm spring temperatures early on, followed by rain and cooler temperatures in May and June. Subsequently, both estate vineyards were hit with heavy rainstorms while the vines were flowering, causing uneven fruit set and overall low yields. July and August were slightly warmer and drier than average, so disease pressure was fortunately very low this vintage. Altogether, bud break occurred just slightly earlier than average and the rest of the growing season kept up at the same pace; until we finally brought in our first fruit on September 7th for our Rosé of Pinot Noir. Next, as our warm, dry summer progressed into September, Oregon was hit with several wildfires - bringing smoke into large parts of the state. Depending on location, topography, and wind, vineyards across the Willamette Valley were differently affected by the smoke. Our Trovato Vineyard in Yamhill-Carlton was fortunately, minimally affected.



Tasting Notes:

Wadenswil is a Swiss clone of Pinot Noir, originally selected by the Swiss Federal Research Center in the town of Wadenswil in 1950 due to its cool climate ripening and disease resistance. Because of these characteristics, it was chosen as one of the first two clones planted in the Willamette Valley. Lush and elegant, the 2020 Wadenswil gives plenty of dark cherry and blackberry, plus notes of bittersweet cocoa, tarragon, and dusty spice to the nose. On the palate is Bing cherry, black plum, cedar, and sage. Our 3 acre block of Wadenswil produces a wine of great character and finesse.

Vineyards:

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

Winemaking:

Case Production: 100 cases

Production: 100% destemmed, unfinned and unfiltered

Barrel regimen: 10 months in

ABV: 13.5%

Suggested Retail:
\$78

Cellaring:

Two to five years post vintage. 2022 – 2025