

2019
Anna Pinot Noir
Yamhill-Carlton AVA
Willamette Valley, Oregon



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 small, seven-barrel cuvée, named in honor of proprietor Giorgio Furioso's mother, is meant to represent the more structured side of our Trovato Vineyard in Yamhill. This wine is 100% free-run juice and was aged for 10 months in French oak barrels, 40% new and 60% one-year old - resulting in a bolder, more complex wine. On the nose the wine displays aromas of blueberry, pomegranate, hay and bay leaf. To accompany this are whiffs of dusty spice, dried rose, and jasmine-green tea. In the mouth, Anna offers broad, chalky tannins plus flavors of cranberry and sour cherry. The juicy structure builds up to a dry finish, with lingering hints of black tea and red apple.

Vineyards:

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

Winemaking:

Case Production: 175 cases

Production: 100% destemmed, bottled unfinned and unfiltered

Barrel regimen: 10 months in 40% new French oak, 60% 1 year old barrels

ABV: 13.3%

Cellaring: 2023 - 2031

Suggested Retail - \$103

92 - Wine Enthusiast Magazine

96 - International Wine Report

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