

# 2018 Gina Pinot Noir

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Yamhill-Carlton  
Willamette Valley, Oregon



### **Vintage:**

Rain and cooler temperatures in spring slowed down the beginning of the 2018 season. Budbreak did not occur till mid-April but thanks to warmer temperatures in late spring, the vines caught up and flowering happened early June. As a whole, summer was warmer than average but with no heat spikes (i.e. above 100 F) which would have caused the vines to shut down. Veraison started on August 4<sup>th</sup> and led to a healthy and steady ripening of the clusters. Harvest was sunny and dry, and we even saw some cooler nights which helped to retain the natural acidity of the grapes. Altogether, 2018 had the potential to be one of the best quality harvests in the Willamette Valley.

### **Tasting Notes:**

Meet the inaugural release of our Gina Pinot Noir. Named for proprietor Giorgio Furioso's aunt, a close relative who, along with Giorgio's mother, gave him a fond appreciation for food and family gatherings. This wine presents the elegant, delicate side of our second and newest estate vineyard. It was crafted with the utmost intention and care by using one hundred percent free-run juice and no new oak. We like to think this wine will truly honor Zia Gina in your cellar - strength and elegance paired with enviable longevity. With aromas of violets and blackberries and intriguing notes of blood orange and tea leaves. The palate is silky, refined, and full of finely grained tannins that lead to a long, juicy finish. Gina would find a lovely pairing with a duck confit served over a simple lentil salad.

### **Production:**

Trovato Vineyard, Yamhill-Carlton AVA

Case Production: 207 cases

Fermentation: wild fermentation, 100% destemmed, un-fined, unfiltered, 100% free-run juice

Barrel regimen: 10 months in neutral French oak

ABV: 13.4%

**Cellaring:** Two to ten years post vintage. 2020 – 2028

### **Accolades:**

Gold, SF Chronicle

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