

2018 Pietro Pinot Noir

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 4th 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:

Another exciting landmark for Furioso Vineyards! This 2018 Pietro is our first very Pinot Noir released from Trovato Vineyard, our estate vineyard in Yamhill. This Pinot Noir is a blend of nine blocks of Pinot Noir vines we have there, representing as many different 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 oak barrels (25% new) for 10 months before being bottled unfinned and unfiltered. The diversity of Pinot Noir clones used creates a complex wine which is stylistically different from our Furioso Vineyard in Dundee Pinot Noirs. Although less than ten miles apart, the Trovato terroir (an old marine sedimentary soil called Willakenzie) is responsible for a more structured wine with predominantly cooking spice and dried herbs aromatics. Still young, the wine would need to be decanted before serving but would be a wonderful pairing for a New York hanger steak with chanterelles and a parsnip purée.

Vineyards:

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

Winemaking:

Case Production: 609 cases

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

Barrel regimen: 10 months in 25% new French oak

ABV: 13.3%

Cellaring: Two to ten years post vintage. 2020 – 2029

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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