



WILLAKENZIE ESTATE

2019 ALIETTE PINOT NOIR

YAMHILL-CARLTON | ESTATE GROWN

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WillaKenzie Estate is located in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA in the Northern Willamette Valley, Oregon. The winery was established in 1991 by Bernard Lacroute, who was inspired by the Estate's dynamic rolling hills that reminded him of his Burgundian roots. The Estate is named for the marine sedimentary soil series on which the vineyard is planted, in keeping with tradition that great wines reflect a true sense of place. WillaKenzie remains committed to its sustainable practices by preserving the biodiversity of the land and is Oregon's first LIVE certified winery (#001).

ALIETTE

Located on the northern ridgeline of the WillaKenzie Estate, with gently southeast facing slopes and elevation ranging between 550' and 600'. The terroir on this part of the Estate produces Pinot Noir with elegance and finesse, offering an array of red fruit and savory characteristics.

VINTAGE NOTES

Overall, the 2019 growing season was cooler with fewer than 20 days at or above 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Fall's challenging cool temperatures and early rain added depth and personality to the vintage, typical of the Willamette Valley.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Grapes were harvested by hand from two separate parcels within the Alette terrior on October 3rd and October 5th, 2019. The grapes from each of those blocks were fermented separately and spent approximately three weeks on skins before being transferred to French oak barrels. The wines then spent approximately 16 months in barrel prior to blending and bottling. ♣

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

PH: 3.59 TA: 5.6 g/L

ÉLEVAGE

16 months in 50% new French oak

COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

SUSTAINABILITY

- LIVE-Certified
- Salmon-Safe

TASTING NOTES

Intense aromas of cherry, rosewater, baking spice, and a hint of savory, umami character. Those flavors carry onto a palate that is characterized by its ethereal texture, refined tannins and lengthy finish.

PRODUCTION

300 cases

ACCLAIM

93 POINTS - *Wine Enthusiast*
Sean Sullivan, November 2022