



WILLAKENZIE ESTATE

2019 CLAIRIÈRE 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).

CLAIRIÈRE

Clairière is a colluvial bowl that sits on a cool, well-exposed benchtop near the highest portion of the WillaKenzie Estate, with elevation ranging between 660' and 690'. Collecting loose earth material from the north and south ridges, these blocks have greater soil depth and more vine vigor. The colder temperatures at this site, however, result in a lengthier ripening cycle for the fruit creating wines of great complexity with a compelling mineral expression.

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 Clairière terrior on October 5th and October 7th, 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: 14.1%

PH: 3.68 TA: 5.3 g/L

ÉLEVAGE

16 months in 50% new French oak

CLONE

100% Pinot Noir

SUSTAINABILITY

- LIVE-Certified
- Salmon-Safe

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of blackberry, lavender, anise and sage along with savory undertones and streaks of minerality. Those flavors carry through onto a pure and refined palate with supple tannins and great length.

PRODUCTION

350 cases