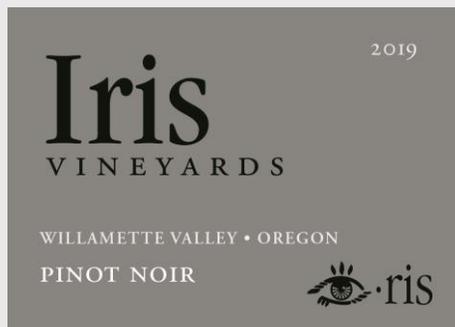


Iris  
VINEYARDS



# 2019 WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR

Willamette Valley

At Iris Vineyards we look to showcase the potential of Pinot Noir when planted in the proper place and in the hands of our dedicated growers and cellar staff

## TECHNICAL DATA

**VARIETY** Pinot Noir

**AVA** Willamette Valley

**TA** 6.1 g/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** 0.2g/L

**ALCOHOL** 12.5%

**pH** 3.59

**ELEVAGE** 98% French oak (4.9% new), 2%  
American oak

**CLONES** Wadenswil, Pommard, Dijon 115,  
114, 113, 777 and 667

**VINEYARDS** Chalice Estate, Robinson, La  
Cantera, Menefee Vineyards and Elhanan

**SOIL TYPES** Bellpine, Jory, Laurelwood and  
Wilakenzie

**HARVESTED** October 2019

**BOTTLED** March 2021

**CELLARING** 2-7 years

**RELEASED** August 2021

**CASES** 5904

**WINEMAKER** Aaron Lieberman

**PROPRIETOR** Pamela Frye

**SRP: \$21.99**

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Each vineyard parcel was selected to compliment the overall blend of this wine. We harvested each vineyard separately, at peak maturity. A blend of Pinot Noir from Chalice Estate Vineyard, Robinson Vineyard (15%), La Cantera Vineyard (12%), Menefee Vineyard (10%) and Elhanan Vineyard (5%) this wine showcases the quality and diversity of Willamette Valley Pinot Noir. This is a versatile wine, which will pair well with a variety of foods. The fruit was gently destemmed, into stainless steel tanks and to 1.25 ton open top fermenters, to ferment as individual vineyard parcels. Once fermentation was complete, the tanks and fermenters were pressed separately and then barrel aged. After aging through July, the lots were blended together to build complexity.

## VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2019 vintage had warmer than average growing conditions following a warmer than average 2018 and slightly cooler than average 2017. Budbreak occurred late in April which is typical for our vineyard. Bloom occurred with favorable weather in the last week of June. From there on the season was fairly average in terms of precipitation and temperature until September. The fall ripening period reminded us of conditions which were more commonly faced by growers and winemakers in the 1980s and 90s with a relatively early start to the rainy season. In light of this challenge, we made some necessary adjustments to our picking decisions and fermentation techniques to make the best of the grapes we were given.