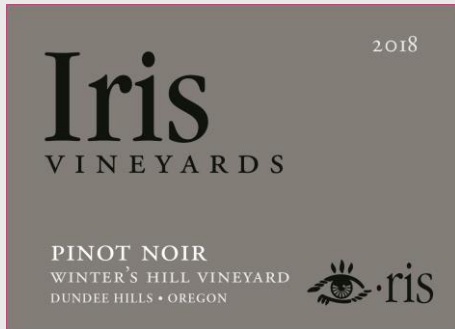


Iris
VINEYARDS



2018 WINTER'S HILL PINOT NOIR

Dundee Hills

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

VARIETIES 100% Pinot Noir

AVA Willamette Valley

TA 6.5 g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR <0.1g/L

ALCOHOL 14.5%

pH 3.43

ELEVAGE 100% French oak (10% new)

CLONE Dijon 115

VINEYARDS Winter's Hill Vineyard

SOIL TYPES Jory

HARVESTED September 2018

BOTTLED September 2019

CELLARING 2-7 years

RELEASED August 2019

CASES 116

WINEMAKER Aaron Lieberman

PROPRIETOR Pamela Frye

SRP: \$39.99

WINEMAKER NOTES

I have a long history with the Gladhart family, owners of Winter's Hill Vineyard and Winery. My first job in the wine industry was at Amity Vineyards. Soon after I started working there, Russell Gladhart came on as a tasting room associate. We became friends and, eventually, roommates. I first purchased grapes from Winter's Hill in the 2004 vintage and have worked with their grapes frequently since then. This wine showcases the terroir of the Dundee Hills and is demonstrative of why this AVA is famous for Pinot noir. The fruit was gently destemmed into 1.25 ton open top fermenters. Once fermentation was complete, the grapes were pressed to tank for settling and the wine subsequently racked to barrel for aging. After aging through August we tasted all barrels and chose the best six barrels to blend together for this single vineyard bottling.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2018 vintage saw a return to the trend of warmer than average growing conditions following a slightly cooler than average 2017. Budbreak was close to historical average for Winter's Hill vineyard. Bloom occurred with favorable weather on about June 20th. From there on the season was one of the warmest and driest on record but with few heat spikes. We were also handed a cool, dry fall which allowed for extra hang time and a relatively stress-free harvest.