



Big Tree Block Estate Pinot Noir

2018

Our story began in 1971 when our parents, Susan Sokol and Bill Blosser, first planted vines in Oregon's Dundee Hills. As second generation winegrowers, we are passionately committed to our family's legacy of creating world-class wines, through sustainable methods, which express our distinctive hillside vineyards.

—Alex & Alison Sokol Blosser

VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

The spring of 2018 was warmer than the average over the previous 10 years, and fairly dry. Bud break happened in mid-April and Bloom in early June, which can be a treacherous undertaking as the spring weather can mess up a healthy flowering. A giant hail storm descended on the Dundee Hills in early June, but luckily none of our Sokol Blosser Estate crop was ruined. The summer started like one giant furnace; July was a hot month and we had a lot of above 90 degree days. Just when it seemed like the hot weather would not stop, August came and more moderate weather with it. This helped slow the ripening down, and even cooler weather in September allowed us to let the grapes hang longer, resulting in riper fruit without additional sugar accumulation. The 2018 vintage is our coolest growing season since 2012, and we believe it will be our best vintage since then.

WINEMAKING

The grapes from this block were carefully hand harvested from September 18th to the 22nd, picking three distinct sections which were kept separate through out the process. The clusters were then sorted by hand to remove any flawed bunches and 100% destemmed directly into their fermentation vessels. The wine was allowed to ferment with ambient yeast and spent 25+ days on the skins with cap management done by a combination of pump overs and punch downs. After being pressed at dryness the wine was aged entirely in French oak barrels for 18 months with with 17% new oak. The three sections which had been kept separate throughout fermentation and aging were blended to create our 2018 Big Tree Block, with 24 barrels selected to make the final blend.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2018 Big Tree Block Pinot Noir has a light and floral nose with bright fruit. The palate has dark cherry, pomegranate and rhubarb notes

PAIRINGS

This wine pairs well with classic dishes such as chicken Marsala and steak au poivre.

THE STORY

What is a boy to do when his favorite boyhood climbing tree is ruthlessly chopped down by his father in the name of grape growing? Well, Alex Sokol Blosser is still trying to figure that one out. Until then, Alex drinks Big Tree Pinot Noir and thinks about climbing the strong limbs of a solitary, beautiful, and graceful Big Leaf Maple Tree that used to lie smack dab in the middle of a block of pinot noir. Big Tree is strong like its namesake with the most powerful tannins of any pinot noir coming off our estate. Shallow soil on this site makes the vines struggle more than the rest of our vineyard and produces strength in the wine. The tannins are something your taste buds can climb up, just like Alex used to be able to do when there was a tree there.



APPELLATION

100% Dundee Hills AVA

BLEND COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir | 100% Estate Grown

CLONES

Pommard UCD4, 115, & 777

AGE OF VINES

Replanted in 1998 & 2000

BOTTLED

March 2020

BRUX AT HARVEST

23-24°

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

13.5%

PROPER CELLAR LIFESPAN

10 -15 Years

PRODUCTION

582 Cases

CERTIFICATIONS

Made with 100% certified organic grapes

SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$70