



## Willamette Valley, Oregon Redland Cuvée 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 as well.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes were carefully hand harvested, 100% de-stemmed and fermented in stainless steel.

Cap management was done following 2 different methods to best showcase the fruit and manage tannin extraction from each section of vineyard. Fermentation lasted about 12-14 days and was pressed off the skins immediately following primary fermentation.

This wine was aged in 100% neutral French oak barrels for 10 months with minimal SO<sub>2</sub> levels. This cuvée is a blend of all the blocks on our estate vineyards, with 95% from the Dundee Hills and 5% from the Eola-Amity Hills.

### WINE PROFILE

Our 2018 Redland Cuvée Estate Pinot Noir exhibits flavors of dark raspberries, rhubarb pie, and baked earth, with a hint of spicy, toasty oak.

### PAIRINGS

Wonderful with the flavors of pork carnitas, roasted lamb loin, and a portobello mushroom risotto.

### THE STORY

In the 1990's, our "Reserve" level pinot noir was a blend of multiple AVA's from within the Willamette Valley that was pressed off its skins at dryness and then spent 10 months in barrel. As a nod to making what's old cool again, we crafted the Redland Cuvée Pinot Noir with those same time-tested techniques. The Redland Cuvée is intentionally more fruit-forward with a strong eye toward showcasing the wider terroir of the Willamette Valley than our classic Dundee Hills Estate Pinot Noir.



#### APPELLATION

100% Willamette Valley AVA

#### BLEND COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir | 100% Estate Grown

#### BOTTLED

August 2019

#### BRIX AT HARVEST

23 - 24°

#### ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

13.5%

#### PROPER CELLAR LIFESPAN

~5 - 10 Years

#### PRODUCTION

3,300 Cases

#### CERTIFICATIONS

Made with 100% certified organic grapes

#### SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$30