



## Willamette Valley, Oregon Redland Cuvée Estate Pinot Noir

2019

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

It was clear something was different with the 2019 harvest when fruit flies were spotted at Thistle Vineyard over Labor Day Weekend. The second sign was the dramatic shift in the weather forecast. At the end of August, we believed we would have a "warmer and drier" than average September/October. Sounds good huh?!?!? Then, at the end of September we got 2.7" of rain... which is double the average, and we had one of the coolest Septembers on record. We remembered and applied the key learnings from prior similar vintages in our approach to the 2019 harvest – get the grapes as ripe as possible with as little fruit degradation as possible. Even with a longer hang time this year the grapes had less sugar, high pHs and high acids. Consequently, we based our picking decision more on the taste of the juice and looking at the weather. We had 5 distinct rain events from when we started harvest on September 3 to when we ended picking on October 10th, and these individual rain events sometimes lasted multiple days. In the end, we got as much ripeness as possible and are very happy about what we put into barrel.

### 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 took place with a combination of commercial, native, and wild ferments. They lasted about 10-15 days, maintaining a long, cool ferment, and the wine was pressed off the skins at dryness.

This wine was aged in French oak barrels for 16 months with 20% new oak. This cuvée is a blend of a variety blocks and clones on our estate vineyards.

### WINE PROFILE

On the nose, Redland Cuvée leads with red cherry and cranberry, along side rhubarb, vanilla bean and pine. This is accented by a slight hint of cardamom that carries through to the palate where the vanilla makes way for baking spices. The fruit on the palate remains fresh and vibrant.

### PAIRINGS

This wine pairs well with chicken tagine, cedar plank salmon or herb roasted beets.

### 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

#### DATE HARVESTED

September 21st - October 1st

#### BOTTLED

June 2021

#### ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

12.5%

#### PROPER CELLAR LIFESPAN

~5 - 10 Years

#### PRODUCTION

1,800 Cases

#### CERTIFICATIONS

Made with 100% certified organic grapes

#### SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$40