



2018

WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR

King Estate Willamette Valley Pinot Noir reflects an excellence recognized worldwide. Made with the best selection of grapes each year, the 2018 vintage was sourced primarily from King Estate's certified Biodynamic® vineyard as well as a handful of like-minded sustainably farmed vineyards throughout the Willamette Valley.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas are of strawberry, black tea, earth, cigar box, leather, plum and graphite. This wine is elegant yet firm up front, with a full and coating mid-palate featuring flavors of strawberry, raspberry, tobacco leaf, plum, toast, clove, leather, earth and hints of black pepper. On the finish tannins begin to round out, complemented by mellow acidity and resulting in a balanced wine and lingering finish.

WINEMAKING PROCESS

Whole clusters are destemmed and subjected to a 42-hour cold soak with daily pump overs. In select lots whole clusters are left intact for added complexity. Before fermentation, 10% of juice is bled off using the Saignée method. Fermentation is in stainless steel open top tanks with daily punch downs. Aged 10 months in French oak.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage started out slightly cool and wet, turned hot and dry, and ended cool and wet again. For the fifth year in a row, Oregon had ideal growing conditions. Temperatures began warming up in May around budbreak and bloom. Conditions remained dry and hot – but not too hot – until gentle rains fell in mid-September, arriving just in time to extend harvest and allow some latitude in picking schedules. Moderately warm days followed by cool nights gave the vines a chance to rest in the evening and concentrate efforts on developing more fruit complexity and flavors.

Vineyards: 60% King Estate, 14% Bradshaw, 10% Pfeiffer, 9% Croft, 3% Grand Oak, 2% Freedom Hill, 2% Other

AVA & Varietal: 100% Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

Sizes: Available in 375ml and 750ml

Alcohol: 13.5%

