



2019

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 2019 vintage was sourced from King Estate's certified Biodynamic® vineyard as well as a handful of like-minded sustainably farmed vineyards throughout the Willamette Valley.

TASTING NOTES

Deep garnet in the glass, the nose boasts aromas of fresh strawberry, pomegranate, dark cherry, mocha, toast, clove, graphite and tea. The entrance is soft and bright, leading to a mid-palate with a little more heft, all while showing lush flavors of fresh strawberry, raspberry, forest floor, tea, mocha, eucalyptus, orange peel, cherry, plum and rose. The finish satisfies with lingering notes of fruit and spice, lovely acidity, and firm yet approachable tannins.

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. During 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

A six-year string of unusually hot and dry harvests ended in 2019. A wet and cold winter was following by a wet and warm spring. After starting off warmer than usual, the growing season saw a few mild frosts during late April, moderating through mid-vintage with fewer than average heat spikes. The vintage will be remembered for the early rains in September and rapid cool down into October which challenged harvesting decisions. With weather that was cooler and wetter than in recent years, the 2019 vintage was a return to a more classic Oregon harvest.

Vineyards: 21% King Estate, 21% Pfeiffer, 15% Croft, 12% Bradshaw, 9% Freedom Hill, 9% Kennel, 5% Tonalita, 8% Other
AVA & Varietal: 100% Willamette Valley Pinot Noir
Alcohol: 13.5%

