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AVA: Rogue Valley, Oregon

VINEYARD DATA

Source: 2Hawk estate vineyard, Block 2, Clones 115 & 777

Soil Profile: Darow silty loam underneath alluvial sandy shale with abundant cobbled river rocks

WINEMAKING DATA

Composition: 100% Pinot noir

Yeast: Wild

Aging: 7 months sur lies in 40% new, 60% neutral French oak, 3 months in 100% stainless steel

HARVEST DATA

Dates: October 3, 2019

Brix: 22.6 pH: 3.62 TA: 5.16 g/L

BOTTLING DATA

Production: 117 cases
Bottled: July 23, 2020

Alc. 12.8% pH: 3.82 TA: 5.28 g/L

FSO₂: 41 mg/L

VINTAGE

2019 was another in a string of fantastic vintages characterized by near-record bookend months on the bookends of the vintage. Our spring bookend saw record rainfall in February, and our fall bookend set a near-record cool for October. The winter was relatively warm and slightly drier than normal. Spring stayed on the cool side, with budbreak the most uniform we have seen in some time. Bloom was equally uniform within the varieties, but a June heat spike limited our crop by nearly a third. This created some uneven fruit set, but thanks to our vineyard crew and their extraordinary attention to detail, veraison and ripening proceeded with minimal variation. The little heat we received in October allowed our fruit to ripen very slowly while moderating sugar accumulation and preserving natural acidity.

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TASTING NOTES

Our estate vineyard is proving to be a source of very detailed, refined Pinot noir. In 2019, we saw excellent late-season development in the Pinot and were fortunate to produce a wine with finely nuanced aromas of ripe black raspberry, purple plum, violet, and sandalwood. On the palate, supple notes of candied pomegranate, red licorice, cedar shavings, and cranberry chutney are brought together by a hint of chai tea. This is an ethereal wine that changes noticeably once open and brings plank-smoked salmon with caper-dill relish and summer squash to life. Enjoy now through 2025.



