

2019 Pinot Noir Willamette Valley

500 Cases Produced

Vineyard Composition

48% Barnes Vineyard , Cascade Foothills 39% Ribbon Ridge Vineyard, Ribbon Ridge AVA 9% Gemini Vineyard, Laurelwood AVA 4% Sunny Mountain Vineyard, South Willamette Valley

Chemistry

13.5% Alcohol 5.7 g/L Titratable Acidity 3.7 pH

Vintage Notes

Garageland Pinot Noir is a multi-vineyard blend from Oregon's Willamette Valley and its nested sub-AVAs. The name is stolen from The Clash punk-rock song, and is an homage to all of the artisans - from musicians and painters, to vintners and food makers, who toil away behind non-descript roll-up garage doors in warehouse districts across the world. Just because we don't have a Villa on a hill, doesn't detract from the honest intent, deep connection to the history of our winegrowing region, and unwavering commitment to quality in everything we produce.

Like all of my wines, this bottling reflects a hands-off winemaking style, and draws focus to the vibrant delicacy, heady aromatics, and natural acidity that all the hallmark of a well-balanced wine. Garageland selects from the cellar the most forward and energetic young barrels for an earlier release. While these barrels may not hold the kinds of wine that make one sit and ponder, their vibratory exuberance has unending charm that we try and capture here.

The vineyard sources for Garageland vary by soil, altitude, location and age. We always partner with growers who farm without use of synthetic chemicals out of our concern for the workers in the fields and the consumers who will drink this wine. Most of our grape sources are organic in practice.

The Pinot was carefully sorted, destemmed and cold soaked for 5-7 days. The small-lot fermentations for each vineyard were un-inoculated and punched gently by hand or foot. Once dry, the must was gently pressed and sent to barrel after a short settling period. The wine was aged in neutral (old) French barriques and puncheons for at least 11 months before bottling. Due to COVID absurdities, this edition of Garageland spent a bit more time aging in barrel, lending it unexpected depth and complexity.

