



IRVINE & ROBERTS  
VINEYARDS

2020 ESTATE PINOT NOIR

ROGUE VALLEY, OREGON

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## VINEYARD

**Appellation** Rogue Valley, Oregon

**Site** Our Estate vineyard is planted at the convergence of the Cascade and Siskiyou mountain ranges at the southern end of the Rogue Valley AVA, on ancient ocean sandstones mixed with prehistoric river deposits. At 2,100 feet in elevation, cool mountain air moderates temperatures throughout the growing season, ensuring ripe flavors and balanced textures.

**Clonal Selections** Wädenswil, 4407, 777, Pommard, 115, 667

**Planted** 2012, 2018

## VINTAGE

**Growing Season** The 2020 growing season began with moderate spring temperatures and average timing for bud break and bloom. Overall yields were lower than in recent vintages, while warm temperatures in July and August ensured ripe fruit and flavor development. The combination of low yields and warm temperatures led to extraordinary wines with high acidity, ripe tannins, and expressive fruit.

**Harvest Dates** September 16 - 21

## WINEMAKING

**Varietal Composition** 100% Pinot Noir

**Fermentation** Each block of our Estate Pinot Noir is fermented individually, allowing us to express its unique combination of terroir, clone and rootstock. Our fruit is hand-picked, hand-sorted and gently destemmed into small, temperature-controlled tanks. Fermentation is conducted with specific yeast strains, and each lot is punched down by hand. To achieve the right level of extraction, careful consideration is given to when and how hard each lot is pressed.

**Aging** After pressing, our Pinot Noirs are held briefly in temperature controlled tanks until all remaining solids have settled out and the last of the sugars have fermented. The wine is then racked to a thoughtful selection of barrels using principally very tightly grained, well-seasoned, moderately toasted French oak. This wine was aged in 37% new, 40% once-filled, and 24% neutral oak barrels for 17 months before blending and bottling.

**Cases | Release Date** 352 | March 1, 2023

**Tasting Notes** Deep flavors of boysenberry, dark cherry and vanilla make for a smooth, velvety texture. Wood spice, earth and herbal notes play effortlessly off of the well-integrated tannins.