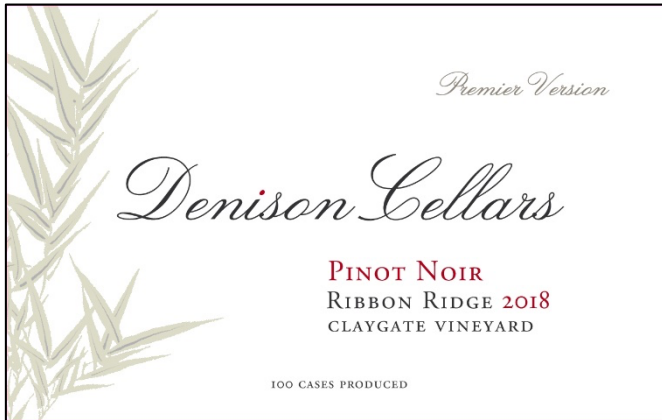


2018 DENISON CELLARS CLAYGATE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

RIBBON RIDGE AVA



THE VINTAGE

After a relatively dry winter, the 2018 growing season got off to a normal start with budbreak occurring on April 20th. The growing season was warm and dry, with over 21 days that reached at least 90° F. and included heat spikes during flowering in mid-June and late July. Very warm conditions persisted into August, but temperatures cooled significantly late in the month as the fruit was finishing veraison. Cooler than normal conditions persisted into September, slowing

the ripening process to a perfect rate that enabled us to pick at optimal ripeness. The fruit for this wine was picked October 3rd.

THE WINE

Situated between 240 and 320 feet on an east facing slope in the Ribbon Ridge AVA, Claygate Vineyard features Dupee sedimentary soil. Clones 777 and 115 were used for this blend; the resulting wine is elegant and complex, with vibrant Bing cherry, cranberry, and hints of spice and mineral. The silky tannins lead into a long, lingering finish.

The fruit was harvested on October 3rd and spent four days in a cold soak to extract color. Fermentation was completed in small, one-ton bins and took an average of forty-eight days to complete, including 3 weeks of extended maceration. French oak barrels were used for aging, none of which were new. The blend was created in January of 2020, after spending 13 months in barrel. Bottling was completed in May of 2020; only 100 cases were produced.

The 2018 Denison Cellars Claygate Vineyard Pinot Noir is unfiltered, and to prevent any incidence of cork taint, is bottled under a twist-off closure.

Harvest Date: October 3rd

Brix: 23.5° - 24.4°

Final pH: 3.78

Final TA: 5.40 g/L

Alcohol: 14.1%

Production: 100 cases

Suggested Retail: \$60

Winemaker: Tim Wilson

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