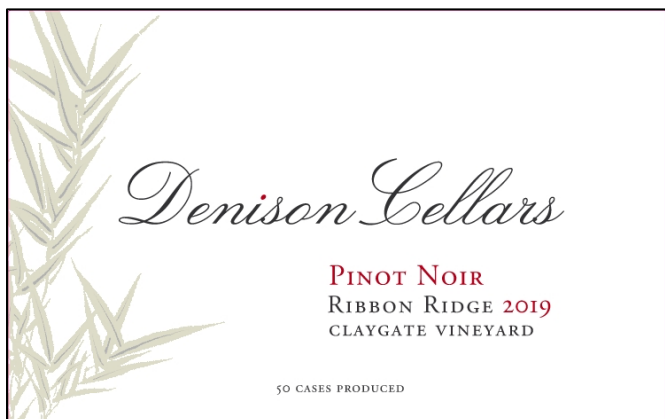


2019 DENISON CELLARS CLAYGATE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

RIBBON RIDGE AVA



THE VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season got off to a normal start with budbreak occurring in mid-April. The growing season was cooler than recent vintages with more overcast days and warmer more humid nights. Flowering completed very quickly in mid-June and there were very few days over 90 degrees for the remainder of the summer. September featured significantly more precipitation than usual, and as harvest began picking was scheduled around rain events. The quality of the harvested fruit was extremely high, and

the fruit for this wine was harvested on September 30th.

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 structured and complex, with vibrant Bing cherry, raspberry, blackberry, cranberry, and hints of spice and river rock. The silky tannins lead into a long, lingering finish.

The fruit was harvested on September 30th and spent four days in a cold soak to extract color. Fermentation was completed in small, one-ton bins and took an average of thirty-seven days to complete. French oak barrels were used for aging, none of which were new and 20% were 2nd fill barrels. The blend was created in February of 2021, after spending 15 months in barrel. Bottling was completed in February of 2021; only 50 cases were produced.

The 2019 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: September 30th

Brix: 23.5°

Final pH: 3.62

Final TA: 5.70 g/L

Alcohol: 13.3%

Production: 50 cases

Suggested Retail: \$65

Winemaker: Tim Wilson

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