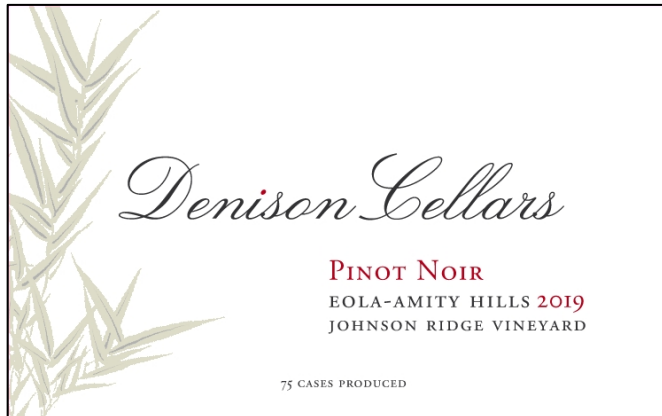


2019 DENISON CELLARS JOHNSON RIDGE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

EOLA-AMITY HILLS AVA, WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON



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 October 5th.

THE WINE

The 2019 Johnson Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir is a blend of 777, Pommard, and a mis-labeled clone that has yet to be identified. The resulting wine has dark garnet color, aromas of blackberry, black cherry, freshly turned earth, and a hint of cola. Mouth-filling flavors of blackberry, black cherry, a hint of blueberry follow. This wine displays velvety mid-palate volume, wonderful clarity, and a long seamless finish.

The fruit was harvested on October 5th and spent six days in a cold-soak to extract color. Fermentation was completed in small, one-ton bins and took 24 days to complete. French oak barrels were used for aging, 20% of which were new. The blend was created in February of 2021, after spending 15 months in barrel. Bottling was completed in February of 2021; 75 cases were produced.

The 2019 Denison Cellars Johnson Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir is unfinned and unfiltered, and to prevent any incidence of cork taint, is bottled under a twist-off closure.

Harvest Date: Oct. 5th

Brix: 24.4°

Final pH: 3.47

Final TA: 5.30 g/L

Alcohol: 13.9%

Production: 75 cases

Suggested Retail: \$48

Winemaker: Tim Wilson

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