

Phelps Creek

V I N E Y A R D S

2019 Estate Reserve Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENT

Each year we welcome Burgundian Winemaker Alexandrine Roy to our vineyard to craft the Cuvée Alexandrine. As the world took us in a different direction over the last few years, Alexandrine has not been able to venture away from France. So we resorted to our 'pre' Alex labelling of our Reserve Wine. The 2019 Estate Reserve Pinot Noir was crafted in a similar style to our Cuvée, with Bob and the winemakers selecting top level barrels for this vintage.

PHELPS CREEK VINEYARDS

The most westerly vineyard on the Oregon side of the Columbia Gorge AVA, Phelps Creek is nestled amongst the foothills of Mt Defiance at 1200 feet elevation. Established in 1990, our small boutique winery focuses on estate grown Pinot Noir and Chardonnay varietals, annually producing 5,000 cases of wine in total. Vineyard care takes center stage in our wine production, where sustainable agricultural practices combined with careful management of the fruit yields on the vines lead to the noted luxurious intensity within our bottle.

VINTAGE

The 2019 season began in the early days of May, this warmer than average spring was followed by a slightly warmer than average Summer, but beautifully cool Fall. Harvest began late September with ideal conditions of sunny skies, cool days, and cold nights— allowing the fruit to ripen incrementally. Ultimately the vintage allowed for plenty of hang-time and a luxurious crop of Pinot Noir.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Our Estate Reserve Pinot Noir is a combination of three Pinot Noir Clones; Pommard, Dijon 115, and Dijon 777. The clones are harvested and fermented separately block by block. The wine is barrel aged in French Oak approximately 11 months prior to the winemaking team's final selection. After tasting through 75 barrels, the finest 14 were chosen to represent the purest expression of the 2019 vintage.

REVIEWS

92 Points - James Suckling (June 2021) *Smooth strawberries and light red cherries, as well as pastry-like, savory elements. The palate has a sleek and gently creamy feel with attractive acidity clutching the finish. Drink or hold. ~J.S.*



TASTING NOTES

Our famed tobacco and spice tones, emanating from volcanic soils, grace a lingering structure of savory red and hint of currant expressions, with acidity permitting extended aging potential. A diversity of clones and micro-climates add layers of sensory experience.

BOTTLE NOTES	
Harvest Date:	September 26, 2019
Clonal Selection: 100% Estate Pinot Noir	Pommard, Dijon 777, Dijon 115
French Barrel Élevage	11 months, 43% new
Alc:	13.3%
Bottling:	September 2020
Case Production:	338