

# Phelps Creek

V I N E Y A R D S

## 2019 PHELPS CREEK PINOT NOIR, COLUMBIA GORGE

### WINEMAKER COMMENT

The perfect wine to describe our estate. Each block of Pinot Noir is harvested, fermented and barrel aged separately, and only blended at the final tasting trial. Our ancient volcanic soils usher beautiful spice, while the high elevation brings brightness to our finished product.

### 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 Estate Pinot Noir.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

This 100% Estate grown Pinot Noir combines three different clonal selections Pommard, Dijon 115 & Dijon 777. South and east facing steep slopes allow for near perfect growing conditions for the noble Pinot Noir grape. Aged 11 months in new and neutral French Oak barrels

### REVIEWS

**91 Points** - James Suckling (August 2021)

*"A pretty nose of wild strawberries, cherries and fresh figs with white-pepper and herbal undertones. Medium-bodied with fine tannins and vivid acidity. Textured and layered. Mineral and spicy finish. Drink now or hold..." - J.S.*



### TASTING NOTES

Polished acidity, the result of a Winemaker's restraint in ripeness, balances a rich nose of leather and tobacco. A palette of bright red fruits with a lush texture full of earth and spice notes, reflective of our volcanic soils.

BOTTLE NOTES	
Harvest Date:	October 2019
Clonal Selection: 100% Estate Pinot Noir	Pommard Dijon 777 Dijon 115
French Barrel Élevage	11 months 10% new
Alcohol per Volume:	13.2%
Bottling:	September 2020
Case Production:	1663