

# ROSE ROCK

DROUHIN OREGON

## 2019 ZÉPHIRINE PINOT NOIR

Eola-Amity Hills, Oregon

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### About Drouhin Oregon Roserock

Roserock is an extraordinary vineyard at the southern tip of the Eola-Amity Hills, in Oregon's Willamette Valley. Ancient volcanic soils, an ideal elevation range and the unique cooling effect of the Van Duzer corridor produce classic cool-climate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

*Roserock is LIVE-certified sustainable.*

### About Our Zéphirine Pinot Noir

Our Zéphirine Pinot Noir is a barrel selection cuvée from the Roserock vineyard, and is a reference expression of the site. Zéphirine conveys purity and beauty, reflects winemaker Véronique Boss-Drouhin's dedication to elegance and finesse, and will age meaningfully for years to come. The name refers to the Zéphirine Drouhin variety of climbing rose, which is known for its fragrance and beauty.

### The 2019 Vintage

In 2019 we saw a return to the classic, ever changing Oregon growing season. Winter started out relatively mild, but gradually became largely cold and wet. Spring was warmer but also wet, and despite some mild frosts in April, there were also warmer than average temperatures. Through the summer, there were fewer heat spikes, and then cooler skies for harvest

### Véronique's Tasting Notes

The 2019 Zéphirine brings new ideas to mind. The color flashes in the glass like the gemstone red apatite, or maybe even the Triumph Ronaldo variety of tulip when in full bloom. The nose is alluring like blackberry bramble and bilberry and eventually folds into white pepper and stone. These deep, beautifully defined aromatics set the stage for a complex and layered explosion of flavors, full of deft balance and precision. Silky smooth, with a poised structure, this is an excellent selection for long-term aging..

Harvest Dates: Sept. 20 - Oct. 9 | Bottling Date: Feb. 11, 2021

**JAMES SUCKLING**  
**97 POINTS**  
*A TOP 100 WINES OF THE USA 2021*

*Redcurrant, sour cherry and smoke on the nose. Hibiscus, too. Medium-bodied with fine tannins and lively acidity.*

*Vibrant and juicy on the palate with a bright core of redcurrants and dried herbs. Layered and balanced, with a long, savory finish. Very vertical and deep. Drinkable now, but best from 2023.*

**WINE ADVOCATE**  
**97 POINTS**

*The 2019 Pinot Noir Zéphirine is so expressive this vintage! Matured for 14 months in 20% new oak, it has a pure fragrance of blueberries and lilac, aniseed and earth, gaining aromatic nuance and depth with time in the glass. Medium-bodied, the palate begins with bursts of acidity and a flourish of spices that glide seamlessly through the mouth for an incredibly persistent, floral finish.*

**WINE SPECTATOR**  
**94 POINTS**

*A dynamic wine, impeccably structured and fleshy in texture, unfurling with raspberry, tart blueberry, stony minerals plus clove and other dusky spices. Finishes with snappy acidity and well-framed tannins. Drink now through 2030.*

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Arthur & Véronique