

Domaine Drouhin

OREGON

French Soul, Oregon Spirit

2019 DOMAINE DROUHIN OREGON PINOT NOIR DUNDEE HILLS - WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Domaine Drouhin has been on the viticultural cutting edge in Oregon since their first vintage in 1988, and continues to set the pace. Winemaker Véronique Drouhin-Boss' roots go deep into her family's 13th century cellars under the streets of Beaune, the heart of Burgundy. With centuries of Burgundian winemaking experience flowing through her blood, Véronique has lovingly crafted every drop of wine produced at Domaine Drouhin Oregon since the first vintage in 1988.



About our Pinot Noir

Our 1988 Classique Pinot Noir was the first wine produced by the Drouhin Family in Oregon. Over two decades later, this cuvée has become a foundational element of many great wine lists and personal cellars. The fruit is harvested entirely from our family's Dundee Hills estate, and the wine is vinified in the Drouhin family style with a focus on elegance, balance and finesse.

Winemaking

Our Pinot Noir is handpicked into 25-pound totes, then hand sorted and de-stemmed in our four level gravity flow winery. Fermentations are long and careful and by November, all of our Pinot is safely in barrel. Our barrels are custom made in Burgundy, using oak from France's best forests, allowing the character of the soil and vintage to show through.

The 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

Our 2019 Dundee Hills Estate Pinot Noir is beautifully concentrated with a decidedly complex bouquet. Restrained notes of redcurrant compote and tobacco transition to youthful spice and bramble. Texturally very pleasing, the velvety palate seamlessly blends a kirsch core with an appealing influence of earthy undertones and a touch of vanilla. The engaging finish is luxuriously long and elegant. I do not doubt that this wine will continue to develop beautifully over the next 8-12 years.

Harvest Dates: 9/20/19-10/7/19 | Bottled: 12/12/20-1/22/21



WINE ADVOCATE 96 POINTS

The 2019 Pinot Noir Dundee Hills is defined, expressive and layered, with pure lavender, peppercorn and wild berry aromas and a velvety texture with bursts of freshness that highlight floral perfume and an array of spicy accents on the extended finish.

JAMES SUCKLING 94 POINTS

A very pretty combination of dried berries, smoke and cedar with some dried flowers, following through to a medium body, a solid core of fruit and a round yet firm, tannic finish. Young, but so attractive. Give it two or three years to open. Try after 2023.

WINE SPECTATOR 93 POINTS

Daily Wine Pick for >\$30 - Feb 21, 2022
Sleek and elegantly layered, with bright cherry and raspberry flavors accented by black tea and stony mineral notes that glide toward the long, vibrant finish. Drink now through 2030.

Also: Wine Enthusiast - 92 Points, Jeb Dunnuck - 91 Points

