

ELK COVE VINEYARDS

2017 Goodrich



VINTAGE 2017 was a classic Oregon vintage with plenty of sunny days and refreshingly cool nights. It was also the first year since our wines were 100% estate grown, created entirely from grapes we own and farm. We now have full control as we care for our vineyards and soils for generations to come. “Estate Grown” is now proudly displayed on each of our labels.

After three early harvests in a row, 2017 brought us back to what many consider “classic Oregon weather.” A wet, cool spring led to a late start to the growing season with an early June bloom. Dry, hot weather in July and August meant great ripening as we thinned clusters to protect quality. Worries of smoke taint during the Columbia Gorge fires proved unfounded in our area, but hazy skies slowed September ripening slightly.

We began bringing in fruit in mid-September, but were interrupted by rain a few times in late September and mid-October. With 40+ vintages under our belts and hillside vineyards at diverse elevations we were able to choose the right windows to pick beautifully ripe fruit from each block. Sometimes this meant pulling long hours: in fact October 9th was our biggest day on record, with 110 tons landing on the crush-pad. Expect ripe tannins, fully developed flavors and classic cool climate freshness in these 2017 vintage wines.

VINEYARD: Elk Cove Vineyards purchased Goodrich Vineyard in 2014. A 69 acre property planted with 21 acres of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, Goodrich Road sits just outside the town of Yamhill, Oregon in the heart of the Yamhill-Carlton AVA.

Goodrich Vineyard was planted in 2007 with Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in high-density a format. The property boasts the exact same marine sediment (Willakenzie) soil as our Mount Richmond property and lies just a few miles from our Estate Vineyard in Gaston.

This young vineyard has great promise and we were so impressed by the quality of the fruit we decided to make a Single Vineyard Pinot Noir in our very first year of farming the site.

WINEMAKING: Fruit from Goodrich is fermented in small, temperature controlled steel tanks with a portion of whole-cluster fruit, hand punched down twice daily, and barreled in French oak barrels. After 10 months of aging, only the barrels that are most representative of the Goodrich profile are carefully blended to create an elegant Oregon Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES: With a pretty nose of violet, sweet orange and plum pie, this wine is immediately quaffable with appealing velvet tones of cherry and marionberry. A savory, nutty edge leads into dusty cocoa tannins and river rock on the finish.

VITICULTURE & ENOLOGY:

Vine Age: 8 years
Harvest Sugars: 23 brix
Vatting: Fermentation in small open top
steel fermentors.
10 months in 27% French oak.
pH: 3.65
TA: 5.48
Alc: 13.5% v/v
Bottled Aug 2018
Cases produced: 751

REVIEWS:

94 Points - *James Suckling (June, 2019)*

“Impressive composure and detail in this rich and ripe pinot that offers up a wealth of very supple and succulent, spicy red and dark cherries, as well as a detailed, well-structured feel to the palate. The depth and poise is impressive. Drink or hold.” – J.S.