

# ELK COVE VINEYARDS

## 2018 Goodrich



**VINTAGE 2018's** growing season started hot and dry through spring and summer, but relief was just around the corner. A hearty rain weeks before harvest and cool temperatures in September and October slowed ripening and gave the fruit additional hang-time. Harvest came late with small, intensely flavored berries with a high skin-to-juice ratio. After a slow start, the second half of harvest saw the simultaneous ripening of multiple blocks and a veritable “crush” in the fermentation hall. Once again, we were thankful for the added capacity of our 2013 cellar expansion and a crew of seasoned pros in the vineyard and the cellar.

These are wines of ample flavors and high maturity levels. The Pinot Noirs are bold and fruit-forward with higher than average tannins. In the white wines, expect more tropical fruit aromas in addition to the classic stone-fruit aromas. This is a great vintage for those who appreciate boldness in cool-climate varietals. 2018 wines are highly intriguing, their intense richness balanced by lifted tones, coming from a warm growing season that thankfully concluded in a cool autumn.

**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:** Dark plum and black currant lead into aromas of cardamom, pencil shavings and cocoa. On the palate, a deep core of black cherry, tea and cola is buttressed by grainy tannins.

### VITICULTURE & ENOLOGY:

Vine Age: 9 years  
Harvest Sugars: 23.5 brix  
Vatting: Fermentation in small open top  
steel fermentors.  
10 months in 20.5% French oak.  
pH: 3.57  
TA: 5.9  
Alc: 13.5% v/v  
Bottled July 2019  
Cases produced: 750

### REVIEWS:

**93 Points - *Vinous* (August, 2020)**

“Limpid ruby. Powerful fruit preserve and cherry aromas display excellent clarity and complementary suggestions of cola, candied flowers and musky earth. Juicy, well-concentrated black raspberry and cherry pie flavors show sharp definition and energetic lift. Closes on a smoky mineral note, delivering strong persistence and building tannins that fold steadily into the wine’s clinging fruit.” – J.R.

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