



# ELK COVE VINEYARDS

## 2019 Goodrich

**VINTAGE 2019** required experience and courage. After 45 years, we often say there isn't a harvest we haven't seen, but 2019 was an odd one. After a warm May and a healthy, early fruit-set, the summer ended cool with no threat of the sunburn or hazy, smoky skies seen in recent years. We expected to pick in early September, but weeks of unseasonably cool weather took us by surprise. Rather rushing to pick too early, we waited patiently for concentrations and sugar levels to rise, confident that our vineyard practices would protect the fruit.

According to Winemaker/Owner Adam Campbell "You pick your moments. If you have impeccable timing - you can grow fantastic fruit in any year. It took months of preparation in the vineyard, and some very long days during crush, but we had a great crew in 2019 and managed to get sugar levels right where we want them."

Our goal is a minimum 100 days from bloom to harvest; 2019 saw hang times as long as 125 days in some blocks. Expect wines with a big ripe core of concentrated fruit and a bright, fresh profile.

**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:** Rich cherry pie is complemented by sarsaparilla and tilled soil on the nose, introducing a vibrant and mouth-filling palate of cherry and rhubarb ending in dusty cocoa and five spice.

### VITICULTURE & ENOLOGY:

Vine Age: 10 years  
Harvest Sugars: 24 brix  
Vatting: Fermentation in small open top steel fermentors.  
10 months in 25% new French oak.  
pH: 3.67  
TA: 5.6  
Alc: 14% v/v  
Bottled July 2020  
Cases produced: 497

### REVIEWS:

**94 Points** - *Vinous* (February, 2022)

Vivid ruby. Potent red and dark berry aromas are complemented by suggestions of cola, allspice, licorice and candied flowers. Silky, focused and alluringly sweet, offering concentrated black raspberry, cherry cola and rose pastille flavors accompanied by an energizing mineral flourish. Shows excellent balance and spicy lift on the energetic finish, which is framed by smooth, even tannins.

- Josh Reynolds

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