

ELK COVE VINEYARDS

2024 Goodrich



The 2024 vintage here in the Willamette Valley was a winemaker's dream: well-paced with idyllic conditions for cool climate vineyards.

The growing season started and ended cool and mild, with short heat-spikes in mid-summer. Winter and spring were wetter than average, giving the vines a head start underground. Budbreak in mid-April was followed by steady growth into June, when rains during bloom naturally lowered yields for us, lessening the need for thinning fruit. July and August were punctuated by several heat-spikes. Thankfully, the hottest temperatures occurred during the green phase of fruit maturation, while clusters are sunburn resistant. Toward the end of the growing season, a late August drizzle left our vines clean and refreshed, ripening a moderate quantity of very beautiful fruit. We looked forward to harvest with keen anticipation.

The 2024 harvest had a slower pace than typical. With the exception of some early sparkling wine picks, all fruit came in over the course of 40 days. We brought in our first Pinot the second week of September and harvest continued at a steady beat, allowing us to give each vineyard block and fermentation our optimal attention. After a very mild October with plenty of sunshine and wonderful diurnal swings in temperature, the first cold snap of November brought so much cold air, the cellar required extra heating during our white wine fermentations. The timing of harvest was close to our historic average, but within a longer window contributing to great hang-time.

Expect concentrated, fruit-forward wines with great complexity. We are hopeful that the 2024 will come to be considered a classic Willamette Valley vintage.

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.

VITICULTURE & ENOLOGY:

Vine Age: 17 years
Harvest Sugars: 24 brix
Vatting: Fermentation in small open top steel fermentors. 10 months in 32% new French oak.
pH: 3.76
Alc: 13.5% v/v
Bottled Aug 2025
Cases Produced: 530

PAST REVIEWS:

2023 vintage: 94 Points - *Robert Parker Wine Advocate (November 2025)*

"The 2023 Pinot Noir Goodrich comes from 16-year-old vines. It was fermented with 30% whole clusters and matured for 10 months in 26% new French oak. It has alluring scents of strawberry, orange peel, rose petals, rooibos tea, conifer and bitters. The medium-bodied palate is elegant and spicy with fine, chalky tannins, juicy acidity and a long, detailed finish. 527 cases were made." - *Erin Brooks*

2022 vintage: 94 Points - *Robert Parker Wine Advocate (July 2024)*

2021 vintage: 94 Points - *Decanter (October 2023)*