

ELK COVE

VINEYARDS

2024 Reserve Pinot Noir



VITICULTURE & ENOLOGY:

Vine Age: 15-49 years

Harvest Sugars: 24.5 brix

Vatting: Fermentation in small open top steel fermentors. 10 months in 46% new French oak.

pH: 3.70

TA: 5.3

Alc: 14% v/v

Bottled August 2025

Cases Produced: 290

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: Our winemaking team considers barrels from all of our estate plantings to make the Reserve our very best Pinot Noir. In 2024, the final blend included three barrels from Mount Richmond Vineyard, two from Five Mountain Vineyard, two from Roosevelt Vineyard, one from Clay Court Vineyard, and one from our Elk Cove Old Vines.

WINEMAKING: We only make a Reserve in exceptional years, selecting less than 1% of our Pinot Noir to make the best wine we can imagine, balancing diverse components from our best vineyard blocks.

Our Reserve is both big and structured, designed to improve with cellaring for 20+ years.

PAST REVIEWS:

2023 vintage: 95 Points - Robert Parker Wine Advocate (November 2025)

"A barrel selection, the 2023 Pinot Noir Reserve is bursting with scents of pomegranate, blueberry, rooibos tea, conifer and foresty undertones. Full-bodied, it floods the mouth with layer after layer of spicy fruit. It has a muscular frame of grainy tannins, bright acidity and a long, layered finish." – Erin Brooks

2022 vintage: 94 Points - Wine Spectator (May 2025)

2021 vintage: 96 Points & Cellar Selection - Wine Enthusiast (February 2024)