



2017 SUMMIT SERIES "DRAGON'S TOOTH" PINOT NOIR YAMHILL-CARLTON

VINEYARDS

Fairsing Vineyard is owned by Mike and MaryAnn McNally and is managed by Daniel Fey of Results Partners. It's located on Willakenzie soils in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA just northeast of Yamhill. It towers on very steep slopes at an elevation of 750' is planted to over 40 acres of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The vineyard is also both certified Salmon Safe and LIVE to guide their farming practices. Yates Conwill Vineyard is owned by Stephen Conwill and is managed by Luke Pedotti of Results Partners. It's located on Willakenzie soils in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA just west of Carlton and it shares a fence line with the famed Resonance Vineyard. It rests at an elevation of 320' is planted to just 13 acres of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

VINTAGE

This vintage will go down as one of the warmest growing seasons in recorded history in the Willamette Valley. It didn't start that way, though. An extremely cold and snowy winter led to a cool early spring with moderate temperatures and precipitation. Warm late spring conditions were followed by a very warm summer with August being the warmest on record. Smoke from the Eagle Creek Fire caused a haze to form over the valley to keep temperatures cooler than they could have been. Fortunately, there was not enough smoke in the valley to cause any smoke taint in the finished wines. The weather station in McMinnville recorded a total of 2559 degree days for the vintage. The grapes arrived with nicely balanced chemistry at harvest time. The warm days continued into mid-October which allowed extended hang times with very ripe fruit. Yields were up, and the fruit arrived in immaculate condition to the winery with very little need for extensive hand sorting on the crush line.

WINEMAKING

To create Dragon's Tooth, Matthew blended the newly settled wines that had just been pressed off their skins and settled in tank. This "**pre-blending**" process commingles characteristics from the clones that we sourced from Fairsing and Yates Conwill vineyards into a **single**, brand new, French oak barrel. The grapes for this wine were harvested in mid-September at 24 brix and were sorted, destemmed, and then cold soaked for seven days. The fermenters were left to warm up and then begin spontaneously fermenting on their own. Each was hand punched twice per day to dryness until pressing off after more than 23 days on the skins. The wine was then settled for a week before it was gently racked to barrel.

TASTING NOTES

Named in honor of the huge stone monolith that rests at its peak, this mountain is one of our favorite hikes on the Appalachian Trail in Virginia. This single barrel of Pinot Noir is rich in depth, structure, and concentration with incredible length on the palate. With hints of rose petal, cherry, cola, and spice, this wine should age gracefully for at least 10 years.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

ACCOLADES

Not submitted

APPELLATION

Yamhill-Carlton

VINEYARDS AND CLONES

Fairsing – Wädenswil / 777 / 115

Yates Conwill – 777

COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION AND AGING

11 months in a single, new, French oak
Mercury barrel

ALCOHOL

13.5%

PH

3.74

PRODUCTION

25 cases

BOTTLING DATE

August 2018

RELEASE DATE

May 2019

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$70