



2019 SUMMIT SERIES "CASCADE HEAD" PINOT NOIR WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARDS

Fairsing Vineyard is owned by Mike and MaryAnn McNally and is managed by Daniel Fey of Results Partners. Its 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 farmed sustainably with both Salmon Safe and LIVE certifications. Yates Conwill Vineyard is owned by Stephen Conwill and is managed by Luke Pedotti of Results Partners. Its located on Willakenzie soils in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA just west of Carlton and it shares a fence line with the famed Resonance Vineyard. Open Claim Vineyard is owned by Brett and Marnie Wall and rests in the Willamette Valley AVA near Dallas, Oregon. This 20 acre organically farmed vineyard has both Bellpine and Jory soils and is planted to both Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage began with a mild Winter that gave way to a warm and wet Spring. Normal temperatures in late Spring led to ideal growing conditions throughout the region and continued into summer. The good weather continued into early September until cooler temps and rains slowed the ripening process. A rapid cool down in October made for tricky harvesting decisions. This was the coldest Fall that Oregon has seen since 2007 and it was a welcome change to our warmer recent vintages. Total Degree Days for McMinnville were 2253 for this classically cool vintage that required attentiveness on the sorting line.

WINEMAKING

To create Cascade Head, 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, Open Claim, and Yates Conwill vineyard into a **single**, brand new, French oak barrel. The grapes for this wine were harvested in late-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

Cascade Head is a coastal peak that is covered with grassy meadows and towering cliffs with waterfalls that plunge into the Pacific. This single barrel bottling of Pinot Noir shows off the finesse of the 2019 vintage with delicate aromas of raspberry, cherry, and rose petal with whiffs of vanilla. Vibrant garnet in color, this wine starts with a smooth entry that evolves into a medium-bodied texture with well-integrated sweet tannins that are tensioned by refreshing acidity and red fruits. This wine should age gracefully until 2030.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

ACCOLADES
92 pts W.E.

APPELLATION
Willamette Valley

VINEYARDS AND CLONES
Fairsing – Wädenswil / 777 / 115
Open Claim - 943
Yates Conwill – 777

COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION AND AGING
10 months in a single, new, French oak
Mercurie barrel

ALCOHOL
13.5%

PH
3.53

PRODUCTION
25 cases

BOTTLING DATE
August 2020

RELEASE DATE
May 2021

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE
\$70