



## 2019 ADRIANE

### CHEHALEM MOUNTAINS PINOT NOIR

*Named after Victoria's daughter and Colene's granddaughter, Adriane is an estate cuvée composed of specifically selected barrels that possess deep, concentrated flavors and a persistent finish. Deep ruby-red in color, the 2019 Adriane jumps from the glass with aromas of ripe raspberry and red cherry with hints of savory herbs. The palate brings the raspberry along with pomegranate, and a subtle spice note mixed with dark chocolate persist in the finish. This is a nicely structured wine with well-integrated acidity and velvety tannins. This layered, complex wine will drink beautifully over the next eight to twelve years.*

**WINEMAKING:** 2019 was reminiscent of classic Oregon vintages, with very few heat spikes throughout the summer. Harvest commenced on September 21st and continued through October 1st under cool and dry conditions. Once in the winery, the fruit was 100% destemmed into small stainless steel tanks and began a 4—5 day cold soak. Following this, tanks were gently warmed, and fermentation by indigenous yeast began and continued for 10-14 days. Throughout primary fermentation, the tanks were gently punched down by hand twice daily. Once fermentation was complete, the wine remained in tank for 5-7 days of extended maceration, after which it was drained and the skins and seeds went to press to very gently to procure the remaining juice. Both the free-run juice and pressed juice went directly to barrel without settling. After aging for 11 months in 29% new, 32% 1 year, 29% 2 year, and 10% 3 year old French oak barrels, the wine was then blended and bottled in December of 2020.

**CLONAL COMPOSITION:** 100% Dijon 115

**SRP:** \$55 | 724 cases produced.



93 POINTS



#### — COLENE CLEMENS VINEYARDS —

Colene Clemens was founded in 2005 by Joe and Victoria Stark with the express purpose of making exceptional Pinot noir. The property is named in honor of Victoria's mother, Colene Clemens. Wine production began in 2008, and Winemaker & Vineyard Manager, Stephen Goff has been dedicated to the development and planting of the vineyard as well as the production of our stunning wines since the very beginning. Prior to Colene Clemens, Steve spent six vintages as Assistant Winemaker at Beaux Freres.

#### — THE ESTATE —

Spanning 122 acres where the Chehalem Mountains converge with Ribbon Ridge, the estate contains both sedimentary soils from the Wellsdale & Hazelaire series, and volcanic soils from the Witzel series. Elevation climbs from 350 to 650 feet, where the winery perches with sweeping views of the coast range and valley. Currently 62 acres are planted to Pinot noir & Chardonnay.

#### — THE VINTAGE —

A return to normal? The Willamette Valley I used to know? Cool? Call it what you will, we'll just say the 2019 pinot noirs are delicious! After 5 straight dry, hot growing seasons (2014-2018) 2019 was undoubtedly a breath of fresh air and the resulting wines are reminiscent of years such as 2002, 2005 and 2008. Technically speaking there were only 11 days above 90°+, which is a few below the historical average, although nighttime lows were quite high with 53 nights above 60°. All told it was still an above average year in terms of overall heat but with very few heat spikes. Flowering in 2019 was quite good and the resulting fruit set was ample with average cluster sizes. With some light to moderate on and off rain through the first parts of September harvest began on 9/21 and continued under mostly dry and cool conditions until 10/1. Harvest brix were modest in the mid to upper 22's during the early picks and drifting up to the 23-24 brix range toward the end of the picking. The resulting wines are almost all in the low to mid 13's finished alcohol, exhibiting beautiful balance and finesse with plenty of good, pure fruit coupled with ample weight and suppleness. These wines are a great example of what you can achieve with great physiological ripeness and more modest sugars. They should offer a little something for everyone and might even remind longer term connoisseurs of Willamette Valley Pinot Noir of what they fell in love with the first time around.