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Four Graces

2018 DUNDEE HILLS RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Established in 2003, The Four Graces is committed to making rich, complex wines where the fruit may be elegantly expressed. The winery offers Pinot Noir as well as small amounts of Pinot Gris and Pinot Blanc. The wines come from 2 estate vineyards - the Foley Family Estate, formerly the Black Family Estate, Doe Ridge, and other top sites in the Willamette Valley. Highly acclaimed, The Four Graces wines are hand-crafted in small lots using traditional techniques coupled with the most modern technology in winemaking.



VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage started with a relatively mild spring with average rain fall. The most remarkable aspect of the growing season was the long and dry summer, one of the driest summers on record in the Willamette Valley. Fortunately, although we were drier than normal, daytime temperatures weren't excessive and our vines in the Dundee Hills AVA tolerate drought stress well. As we entered the fall season and time to harvest, the dry conditions continued and we were able to pick our Pinot Noir exactly when we wanted to in late September.

VINEYARD

The Dundee Hills Reserve Pinot Noir is the result of ongoing observation in the vineyard to select the best fruit from specific rows and blocks. The Foley Family Estate Vineyard which produces this wine boasts the jory soils well known for their iron-rich, fertile characteristics.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2018 Dundee Hills Reserve Pinot Noir displays a dark ruby color. Nuanced aromas of dried cherries, rose petals and earth set the tone. Juicy wild strawberry and cherry coat the palate with notes of sage highlighted in the background. The use of new French oak barrels in this wine supports the fruit and adds a touch of baking spice aroma where the contribution of older French oak barrels allows the tannins to develop gracefully over time. The finish is silky and long, which is a characteristic of Dundee Hills Pinot Noir.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation:	Dundee Hills
Vineyard Source:	Foley Family Estate
Varietal Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Aging:	9 months in 100% French oak, 25% new
Alcohol:	14.5%
pH:	3.79
Case Production:	1,830

