# Four Graces

# 2019 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 3 estate vineyards—the Foley Family Estate, Doe Ridge Estate, a yet-to-be-named vineyard in the Van Duzer Corridor, 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 Dundee Hills appellation in Willamette Valley experienced a mild winter and early spring. Our vineyards had a few frost events during bud break in April, but damage to the vines was minimal. The growing season was marked by a combination of warm weather and heavy precipitation in late June and early July. Steady rains in September and cool weather in October resulted in fruit hanging longer on the vine and made it more difficult to determine when to pick. 2019 was a challenging harvest, however the resulting wines deliver a surprising freshness and acidity from a cooler vintage.

## 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 2019 Dundee Hills Reserve Pinot Noir displays a dark ruby color. Nuanced aromas of violets, rhubarb, moist earth and graham cracker crust set the tone. Juicy wild strawberry coat the palate with notes of cocoa and black tea 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, 22% new

 Alcohol:
 13.5%

 pH:
 3.62

 Case Production:
 3,562

