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Four Graces

2019 HIGHGROUND PINOT NOIR
DOE RIDGE ESTATE VINEYARD YAMHILL-CARLTON

Established in 2003, The Four Graces is committed to making rich, complex wines where the fruit may be elegantly expressed. Our Highground Pinot Noir is one of four featured wines in our Reserve Graces tier: our Four Graces. “Highground” is named for the location of where the grapes for this wine are grown at the very top of our Doe Ridge Estate vineyards in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA. These topmost vines are grown in a unique “diagonal” row orientation to capture the most sunlight every day. Each “Grace” in this series highlights the climate, land and fruit characteristics of our individual estate vineyards.—Tim Jones, Winemaker



VINTAGE

The Yamhill-Carlton 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. The Doe Ridge Estate vineyards in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA tends to ripen just after our Foley Estate vineyard in Dundee Hills and a few weeks before our Weathergale Estate vineyard in the Van Duzer Corridor.

VINEYARD

All fruit for the Highground Pinot Noir was sourced from our Doe Ridge Estate. On this property we continue to execute our sustainable winemaking practices. In addition to sustainable farming, the vineyard is LIVE certified and Salmon Safe. This wine is sourced from Blocks 15, 17 and 18.

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Highground Pinot Noir is vibrant and deep ruby in color. On the nose, earthy aromas of river rock and forest floor are complemented by hints of blackberry, violets and dark chocolate. The palate delivers a smooth texture and layers of lush, dark berries and black tea. This dense and complex wine with full structure and powerful tannins is reflective of the characteristics of pinot noir grown in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation:	Yamhill-Carlton
Vineyard Source:	Doe Ridge Estate
Varietal Composition:	100% Pinot Noir; Clones 777, 667 and 115
Aging:	16 months in 33% new French oak barrels
Alcohol:	13.5%
pH:	3.73
Case production:	332