



FOUNDERS' RESERVE PINOT NOIR

OUR STORY

Willamette Valley Vineyards was established in 1983 when Oregon native Founder Jim Bernau planted Pinot Noir in an overgrown pioneer plum orchard in the Salem Hills, watering the new vines by hand using 17 lengths of 75' garden hose. A dedicated group of wine enthusiasts supported Jim's efforts to produce the highest quality Pinot Noirs while being good stewards of the land. As a tribute to these individuals, we created this special blend of Pinot Noir sourced exclusively from the Willamette Valley.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of black cherry, licorice, red currant and baking spice. A sweet and lightly spiced palate with candied cranberries, cola and white pepper flavors.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Enjoy with classic pairings like salmon, pork blanquette of pork tenderloin, mushroom risotto and aged cheeses.

TECHNICAL DATA

Grape Type: Pinot Noir

Appellation: Willamette Valley

Fermentation: Small bins

Serving Temperature: 55 – 60°F

Refer to the back wine label for additional tech.

HISTORY OF SUCCESS

90 pts. – *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*, 2019, 2021

91 pts. – *James Suckling*, 2018

91 pts. & Gold Medal – *Beverage Tasting Institute*, 2017

92 pts. – *Wine & Spirits*, 2016