

2018 ESTATE BOTTLED DIJON BLOCKS PINOT NOIR

VINTNERS OF WINE SPECTATOR TOP 100 WINES

2021 OREGON WINERY OF THE YEAR WINE PRESS NORTHWEST

CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE by LIVE AND SALMON SAFE

Cardwell Hill Cellars is a family-owned Oregon boutique winery producing about 8000 cases per year. We use sustainable agriculture practices to achieve premium quality fruit that is hand harvested. These practices are certified sustainable by Salmon Safe and LIVE (Low Impact Viticulture and Enology) the parent organizations

The 2018 season was one of the best for Oregon Pinot Noir. The near ideal growing season produced, firm, ripe berries that produced dark rich flavors. This outstanding product is a 55% / 45% mixture of selected barrels of Dijon 115 and Dijon 777 clones. The result is a unique blend that has rich flavors of red and black fruit. Seven barrels were selected by the winemaker for their intensity of color and fullness of flavor. This wine was destemmed, cold soaked for 30 hours and then fermented at cool temperatures not to exceed 85F. The cap that develops in open top fermenters was punched down twice daily. Next the wine was fed by gravity from the fermentation deck into the barrel room. Following malolactic fermentation, the wine was racked from the lees. It was aged in French Oak barrels for a total of thirty months.

Vineyard:

100% Cardwell Hill Cellars estate fruit

Vinifera:

55% Dijon 115, 45% Dijon 777

Harvested:

Mid - October 2018

Brix:

23.5

Alcohol:

13.8%

pH:

3.16

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5.10

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nil (dry)

Aged:

30 months (20% new oak)

Bottled:

August 2021

Produced:

182 cases (7 barrels)

Smooth and supple, with hints of blackberry and red cherry flavors that glide to a gentle finish. Drink now through 2030.