

2021 HERITAGE No.19

AVA: RIBBON RIDGE PRODUCTION: 118 CASES

VARIETAL: PINOT NOIR ALCOHOL: 13.0%

ELEVAGE: 19 MONTHS FRENCH OAK VINEYARD: WHISTLING RIDGE

PUNCHEON DRY FARMED

SOILS: SEDIMENTARY



Each year, the Heritage wines are selected as being the most beautiful and ageworthy in the cellar, a singular expression of terroir. The No. 19 is comprised of two puncheons from the Beloved Acre, on the north side of the Whistling Ridge Vineyard, in the Ribbon Ridge AVA. The vineyard consistantly produces wines that are structured, graceful, and complex, and the Beloved Acre produces it's most elegant expression. Soils are eroded from uplifted marine sedimentary rock, 40 to 50 million years old, thin, and dry out quickly in the summer drought. The block is almost flat, except for a slight roll to the north on the far side of the rows, it is the first place that the daily winds hit, and is the often the last of the Pinot Noir to be harvested from Whistling Ridge. The growing season for Oregon in 2021 was fairly unique, with intense early season heat, and yet a cool finish. The vintage is marked by precise balance, with jucy fruits, low alcohols, and savory structure. Fermentation was 100% whole cluster, in 1.5 ton lots.

The nose on the Heritage No.19 opens with dark cherry and loamy earth surrounded by sweet floral notes and baking spices. The palate is more coiled with a clean direct entry, sweet red berries, excellent weightless texture, and bright acidity. The wine shows a remarkably compelling array of nuances: foresty, with notes of conifer, underbrush, and humus alongside darkly red fruits and savory stem spice, and a textural weight that is lush rather than heavy, and folds in with fine tannins and a lengthy finish.

Goodfellow Family Cellars is winemaker owned and operated, and located in Oregon's beautiful Willamette Valley. Founded in 2002, and producing approximately 4000 cases annually, we focus on old vines planted in unique and beautiful sites, conscientious farming, and techniques of tradition in the cellar. The Heritage wines represent the apex of our abilities as craftspeople to produce legacy wines from the Willamette Valley. While beautiful upon release, the wines are crafted for an ability to cellar at least two decades.