



GOODFELLOW

FAMILY CELLARS

2012 WHISTLING RIDGE PINOT NOIR

AVA: RIBBON RIDGE

PRODUCTION: 142 CASES

VARIETAL: PINOT NOIR

ALCOHOL: 13.7%

ELEVAGE: 100% FRENCH OAK, 20% NEW

VINEYARD: WHISTLING RIDGE

SOILS: MARINE SEDIMENTARY

DRY FARMED

WHOLE CLUSTER: 50%

AVERAGE VINE AGE: 19 YEARS



Whistling Ridge Vineyard is located in the heart of Oregon's Willamette Valley wine country, in the small Ribbon Ridge AVA. The vineyard was planted in 1990 to Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Pinot Gris. As of 2012, there are 15 planted acres at Whistling Ridge. Soils are 100% marine sedimentary, very shallow, and have a low moisture holding capacity. The vineyard is named after the persistent evening breeze that arrives every afternoon through the late summer and fall. These influences provide our most complex, structured, and savory fruit.

After a cool wet spring, the summer of 2012 turned to perfect weather from the 4th of July until the third week of October. No rain fell between bloom and harvest. September finished warm and clear, moderate heat pushed fruit very quickly towards ripeness. Small intense fruit, with excellent ripeness, and good acidity left us with near perfect fruit harvested in the first weeks of October.

Goodfellow Family Cellars is a small family winery focused on world-class wines from Oregon's Northern Willamette Valley. Sustainably farmed, non-irrigated, old vines provide us the opportunity to produce intense, site specific wines with an old world intensity and character. Fruit is farmed to accentuate the singular nature of our vineyard sites. Winemaking is traditional, no cold soaks, no yeast inoculation, whole cluster ferments, long elevage. 2012 marks the inaugural vintage of Goodfellow Family Cellars.
