

8400 Champoeg Rd. NE St. Paul, OR 97137 ph: 503.678.1240

Winemaker: Dan Duryee dan@ladyhill.com



## RADICLE VINE PINOT NOIR

Boitano Vineyard, St. Columban, Three Feathers Vineyard

## WINEMAKER NOTE

In botany, a "radicle" is the earliest emerging root to develop from a seed, sending itself into the ground to create strength and take nourishment from the soil so that the plant will grow strong and spread its leaves. These wines are easy to enjoy, accessibly fruit forward, and suitable for both off the cuff quaffing, or as a simple adjunct to a meal.

The 2019 vintage brought us back to those "Classic Oregon vintages" where scattered rain events (right in the middle of harvest), off and on humidity (rot and mildew...ugh!), a plethora of birds (where did all my fruit go?) and less than a handful of days above 90F (Ahh...now this is summer in Oregon) kept crop yields down and fruit complexity high. Thankfully, an early start to the growing season gave us just enough hang time to outweigh the September cold spell and late season rains. In the end, fruit for the 2019 Radicle Vine Pinot Noir was harvested September 30 through October 2 with an average brix of 22.5 and a pH of 3.35.

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

PRODUCTION: 876 cases

ALCOHOL: 13% by volume

PROFILE: Ruby, fuchsia and currant hues swirl into a core of red plum. Voluptuous red and black fruits dominate the aromatics supported with subtle hints of Oregon turned earth and wet moss. Sweet, candied cherry and currant lead into a bright, lifted fruit character adding an everyday drinkability to a varietal that has been known to age for decades. The finish is soft and simple, wrapped up in a touch of elegant class as the juicy quenching acidity leaves you longing for the next sip. Our Radicle Vine Pinot Noir is Lady Hill's most approachable Pinot, and is meant to drink young and fresh with a variety of everyday cuisine.

PAIRING: Baked salmon, ham.