



LADY HILL WINERY
True Northwest

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2018 RADICLE VINE PINOT NOIR Willamette Valley AVA

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.

A moderate, dry winter flowed into a relatively cool spring pushing bud break back 7 to 10 days from average. The heat came in mid-May and lasted through August, pushing vine growth back to a normal mid-June bloom and mid-August veraison. In combination with the crazy heat, some parts of the Willamette Valley saw anywhere from 60-90 days without measurable rainfall leaving the vines in need of drink to slow the intense ripening. All prayers to Baccus were answered in early September as a half inch of rain fell followed by two weeks of cool nights to calm the nerves of the winemaker. Harvested at optimal sugar and pH levels September 20 through the first week of October, the resulting must was inoculated with a combination of yeast strains to enhance varietal typicity and showcase freshness. Pressed into a combination of once filled and neutral French oak barrels and puncheons, the wine was aged sur lie as an added contribution to the textured mouthfeel and aromatic profile.

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

PRODUCTION: 1134 cases

ALCOHOL: 13.4% by volume

PROFILE: Ruby red and currant hues swirl into a core of red plum. Perfumed old vine aromas of rose petal mingle with classic Oregon turned earth and wet moss. Candied cherry and currant showcase the bright, lifted fruit characters which adds an everyday drinkability to a varietal that has been known to age decades. The finish is soft and simple with 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: Ham, Baked salmon

RECENT AWARDS: *Wine Enthusiast*, 87 Points.

