



GOTHIC

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Eldritch

PINOT NOIR

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Hyland Vineyard 2012 Edition

Gothic's single-vineyard Pinot Noirs bear the Middle English title *Eldritch* or *Otherworldly*. These Eldritch Pinot Noirs are a limited edition collection of cuvees produced in partnership with unique and respected vineyards to produce premium wines in small quantities.

The historic Hyland Vineyard was planted in 1971, just five years after Pinot Noir was introduced to Oregon's Willamette Valley. Planted with rare and prized own-rooted, old vine Pinot Noir, the vineyard lies exposed to cool maritime winds and coastal influences via the Van Duzer corridor break in the coastal range.

Elevations of 600-800 feet and the volcanic soils of the McMinnville sub-AVA provide ideal growing conditions. The 2012 vintage was glorious and warm. Grapes ripened gradually during a beautiful, dry summer and fall, yielding healthy, dark fruit rich in flavor and color. Hyland Vineyard is one of our cooler, wilder sites, located on an exposed volcanic ridge at an elevation of 600-800 feet, with a front row view of the coastal range. Buffeted by winds and cool ocean breezes, the grapes are influenced by cooler nights and marine air.

Our own rooted, old vine fruit was entirely de-stemmed and aged for 14 months in French oak, 25% of which was new. A moderate purple-ruby color leads towards plum, black cherry and smoked blue fruits mixed with volcanic mineral and stone. Layers of ripe fruit seamlessly integrate with judicious barrel treatment, yielding a medium bodied, tactile and textured Pinot with dark, ripe fruit and balance befitting the warm growing season and unique site that is Hyland.

– a true Gothic Wine. This limited series production is restricted to 300 cases.