



NEVERMORE

Pinot Noir

WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

2009

QUOTH THE RAVEN, 'NEVERMORE'

Nevermore reflects the unique qualities of the Willamette Valley as a whole, rather than focusing on individual single vineyard sites. Blending fruit from several sites within the valley allows us to draw upon the finest qualities of each region and vineyard, yielding a wine of depth and character.

Vinification Method

Our 2009 'Nevermore' Pinot Noir is sourced from three vineyards, in three of the Willamette's sub-AVA's: Monk's Gate, (Yamhill-Carlton) Hyland, (McMinnville), and Willakia (Eola-Amity Hills). After hand-sorting, the fruit is gently de-stemmed, and all wines are vinified and aged individually prior to blending. The wine is aged for 12 months in French oak, of which 30 percent is new. A slow, natural malolactic fermentation completed in early spring.

The 2009 Vintage

The 2009 harvest took place under excellent conditions after a temperate growing season. The extended hang time on the vines allowed the Pinot Noir grapes to ripen evenly, gradually and without stress, yielding balanced developed flavors. In the words of cellar master Will Hamilton, 'This vintage was made in the vineyard, we didn't have to do a whole lot to the wine.'

Tasting Notes

Vibrant high tones of raspberry, cranberry, and bing cherry are complemented by delicate spice notes from the French oak. The palate is crisp, complex, and clean, with a lingering, mouth-watering finish.

Total production: 1042 cases

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