

2018 Isabel Pinot Noir

Eola-Amity Hills AVA | Willamette Valley | Oregon

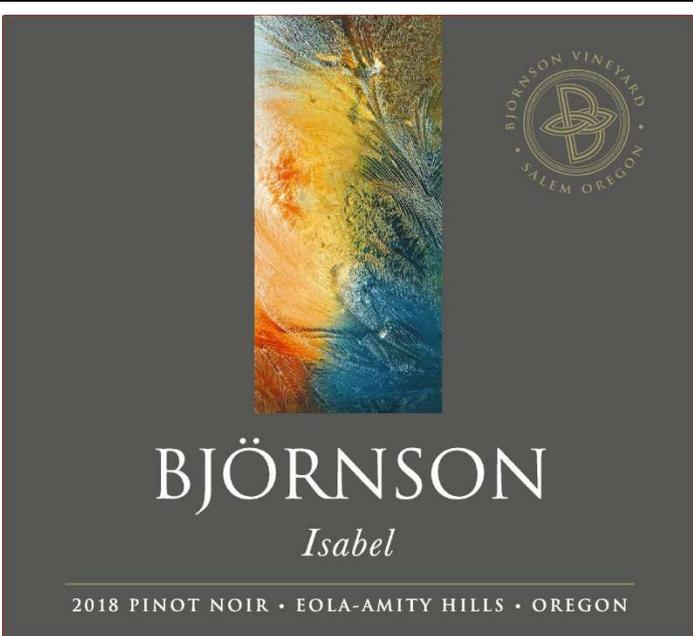
Björnson Vineyard is part of a scenic 107-acre farm, located in the heart of Oregon's Willamette Valley. We are committed to generating renewable energy, farming sustainably, and making wine with minimal handling, so that each bottle fully expresses our exceptional terroir.

The Grapes for this wine come from our 28-acre Björnson Estate vineyard in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA. The vineyard is situated on a primarily southwest aspect at an elevation ranging between 450'-550' with predominantly rocky Nekia volcanic soils. This Pinot Noir is 100% estate fruit from our multiple clones and diverse vineyard blocks.

The Wine *"This has plenty of oak spice that will integrate nicely into the ripe, red and dark cherries in the next couple of years. There's a wealth of fresh, fine tannin on offer here with such supple, elegant and powerful style. Impressive. Try from 2023."*

-Awarded 94 points, [JamesSuckling.com](https://www.jamesSuckling.com)

The 2018 Vintage was a grape growers dream and the fifth warm vintage in a row. It was a relatively easy year in the vineyard and in the cellar producing opulent wines. The summer was hot and dry but our proximity to the Van Duzer corridor brings consistent, cooling evening winds in from the coast preserving the natural acidity and freshness of the fruit. Fall brought some periodic rain events and gave the vines a drink, but most of the precipitation waited until all the fruit was picked.



The label features a central vertical abstract painting with warm yellow and orange tones transitioning into cooler blue and green tones. To the right of the painting is the Björnson Vineyard logo, a circular emblem with a stylized 'B' and 'J' intertwined, surrounded by the text 'BJÖRNSON VINEYARD' and 'SALEM OREGON'. Below the painting, the brand name 'BJÖRNSON' is printed in a large, white, serif font, with 'Isabel' in a smaller, white, script font underneath. At the bottom of the label, the text '2018 PINOT NOIR • EOLA-AMITY HILLS • OREGON' is printed in a small, white, sans-serif font.

Appellation: Eola-Amity Hills AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon

Vineyard: Björnson Estate; Claire 667, Kaitlyn 777, Claire 4407, Hunter 115

Vinification: The fruit was hand-picked, sorted, and destemmed without crushing to maintain whole berries during fermentation. This wine contained 17.5% whole clusters in the fermentation. After a four-day cold soak, the fermenters warmed naturally and were gently pumped over once daily until active fermentation. The fermenters were punched down daily until pressing at dryness. After settling, the wine was racked to 30% new French oak barrels and aged 11 months.

Harvested: October 3-4, 24.6-25.8 Brix

Finished Wine: Alc. 14.6%, pH 3.54, TA 5.7g/L

Bottled: September 9, 2019, 250 cases

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