

# 2019 Willamette Pinot Noir

Willamette Valley | Oregon

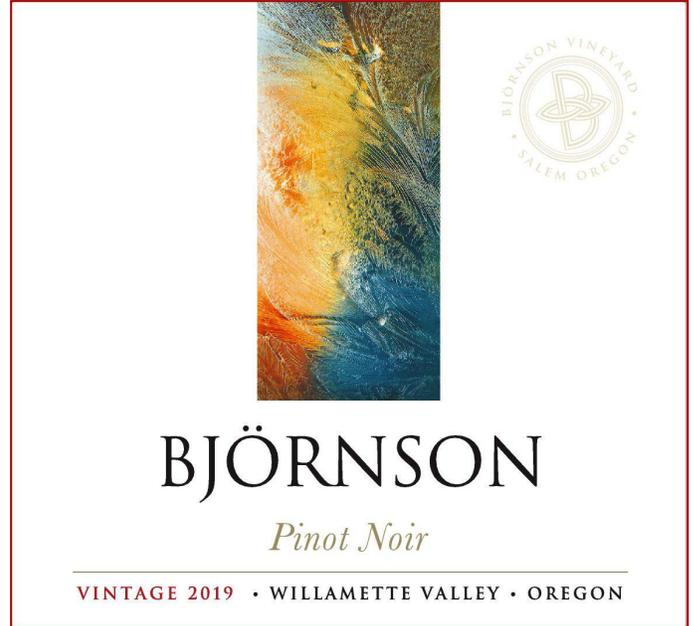
**Björnson Vineyard** is part of a scenic 107-acre farm, located in the heart of Oregon's Willamette Valley. We are committed to generating renewable energy, farming sustainably, and making wine with minimal handling, so that each bottle fully expresses our exceptional terroir.

**The Grapes** for this wine come from our 28-acre Björnson Estate vineyard in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA, as well as purchased Pinot Noir grapes from four vineyards throughout the other sub-appellations within the Willamette Valley: Three Cedars, Cortel Rose, Hoffarth, and Silver Leaf.

**The Wine** is a high-quality table wine for all-occasions at a reasonable price for hand-crafted Pinot Noir in the Willamette Valley.

**The 2019 Vintage** was a stressful vintage and quite a departure from the previous five uncharacteristically hot vintages. The cool wet spring helped the vines handle what initially was a reasonably warm summer, and the sugar accumulation in the grapes was almost complete before the cold wet fall arrived. With disease pressures high and brix levels plateauing or barely increasing, many growers and vintners had to make some tough picking decisions. Despite the stress and the light crop load, Björnson Vineyard stayed vigilant, and was able to produce some exceptional wines. The long hang time (period from bloom to harvest) extended past 100 days in most cases, allowing us to make wines with a greater phenological maturity without excess sugar. This resulted in wines of depth without over-ripe character or elevated alcohol which retained their natural acidity.

**Awarded 93 Points, JamesSuckling.com**  
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**Appellation:** Willamette Valley, Oregon

**Vineyard:** Björnson Estate, Three Cedars 667, Cortel Rose Pommard, Hoffarth Pommard, Silver Leaf field blend.

**Vinification:** The fruit was hand-picked, sorted, and destemmed without crushing to maintain whole berries during fermentation. The fermenters received a short cold soak before being inoculated. Gentle pump-overs were performed at the beginning and end of the fermentation curve with punch-downs being implemented during peak fermentation to break up the cap. This blend includes up to 3% whole cluster fermentation. Most of the fermentations were complete and pressed off the skins 20 days after harvest. Malo-lactic conversion was completed in barrel with *sur-lie* aging for 10 months in 39% new French oak.

**Harvested:** Sept. 30- Oct. 6, 22.5-23.5 Brix

**Finished Wine:** Alc. 13.6%, pH 3.57, TA 5.5 g/L

**Bottled:** Aug. 26, 2020, 545 cases

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