

## 2018 RIDGECREST VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

### VINEYARD

Ridgecrest Vineyard was established in 1980 by Harry Peterson-Nedry, planted to own-rooted, dry-farmed, heritage clones - the first planted vineyard on what would later become the Ribbon Ridge AVA. At 630 feet of elevation along the ridgeline, these grapes were grown on south facing slopes, with well-drained Sedimentary soils over sandstone and siltstone. Peterson-Nedry and Lynn Penner-Ash are long-time friends, celebrating Oregon Pinot Camp together as the weekend's opening act for many years. Beginning with the 2018 vintage, Penner-Ash began sourcing two Pinot Noir clones from this vineyard, Pommard and Wädenswil, which we love for their flavor intensity.



AVA	PLANTED	SOIL	ELEVATION	CERTIFICATIONS	CLONES
Ribbon Ridge	1980	Wellsdale loam	589' – 673'	LIVE, Salmon Safe	Pommard, Wädenswil

### 2018 VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season started off cool and wet followed by slightly warmer than average summer temperatures. Early September rain helped give the vines a sip of water to recharge just before harvest.

### TASTING NOTES

Blackberry compote, pomegranate and plum draw you into the glass. On the palate, sweet dark berries, dark chocolate truffle, vanilla bean and black tea are intertwined with a density and fine tannin creating a harmony between flavor and structure.

ALCOHOL	BRIX	HARVESTED	TA	PH	AGING	CASES
15.2%	25.0	October 5, 2018	6.01 g/L	3.47	10 months in 33% new French Oak	159

### ACCLAIM

91 Points - Josh Reynolds, *Vinous*, August 2020